

Greenville Chapter MOAA

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS REPORT 4 FEBRUARY 2015

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE INCOME TAX BILL FOR MILITARY

H. B. 3147 AND SB 33, 42, AND 61

1. VETERAN FRIENDLY STATE, THESE TWO BILLS ARE TRYING TO ELIMINATE STATE INCOME FOR THE ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, AND NATIONAL GUARD AND RETIREES.

THE FIRST YEAR WILL BE A 33% DEDUCTION AND THE 2ND YEAR WILL BE 67%. THESE TWO BILLS ARE IN THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FOR VOTE.

2. THE OTHER BILL IS AN EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT FOR ANY ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, AND NATIONAL GUARD AND RETIREE WHO RESIDE IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IS ELIGIBLE FOR INSTATE TUITION. THE BILL IS IN WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE WAITING FOR A VOTE.

3. THIS YEAR CONGRESS IS FACING OVERHAUL OF MILITARY PAY AND COMPENSATION. WITH THE PRESIDENT PUSHING FOR SEQUESTRATION THREATENING TO CUT \$50 BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE DEFENSE BUDGET FOR FY 2016.

4. THE CLAY HUNT SUICIDE PREVENTION ACT FOR AMERICAN VETERANS (SAV) ACT PASSED BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEE 15-0.

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6. MOAA AGENDA AND POINT OF INTERESTS:

THE BUDGET CONTROL ACT (BCA) OF 2011 MILITARY ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS, AND BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2013, WILL CUT THE MILITARY \$500 BILLION IN DEFENSE CUTS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

THE MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION (MCRMC) WILL RELEASE PROPOSALS TO REFORM MILITARY COMPENSATION AND HEALTH CARE IN LATE JANUARY. THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ROLL OUT ITS FY 2016 BUDGET PROPOSAL ON 2 FEBRUARY. CHAIRMAN REP MAC THORNBERRY (R-TEXAS)

BILLS OF INTEREST:

HR 333- DISABLED VETERAN TAX TERMINATION ACT.

HR 303 RETIRED PAY RESTORATION ACT

HR 218- DEPARTMENT OF VA BUDGET PLANNING

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