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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 5110 Introduced on February 5, 2020
Author: Huggins
Subject: Remains; Unidentified Dead Bodies
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: February 20, 2020

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure or revenue impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) because it does not charge the agency with any new responsibilities. Further, we do not anticipate that the bill will have a significant impact on local expenditures. Although only two counties responded, we expect other counties would have a similar response.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires a coroner in possession of unclaimed, human remains of an identified veteran to release the remains to a funeral home, funeral establishment, or mortuary for proper disposition of a veteran. Additionally, it requires the remains of a veteran to be treated in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 25 or be released to a veteran's service organization. Coroners and managers of funeral homes, funeral establishments, and mortuaries are licensed by the Board of Funeral Service, which is under the administration of LLR. The agency indicates that because the bill does not charge the agency with any new responsibilities, there is no expenditure impact.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted twenty-three county governments regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. Lancaster County reports that the bill will have no impact as the county currently works with veterans' service organizations to ensure unclaimed veterans receive military funerals. Charleston County also does not anticipate a significant increase in costs. Although only two counties responded, we expect other counties would have a similar response and do not anticipate that the bill will have a significant impact on local expenditures.

Local Revenue

N/A

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director