

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds unremarried surviving spouse of the veteran to persons eligible to receive emergency financial assistance.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Former spouses who have remarried are ineligible
- Whether Emergency Financial Assistance Program is sufficiently funded for the increased number of veterans returning from the Middle East

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under the current statute the definition of a veteran's "immediate family" is defined as a spouse, child or stepchild. House Bill 2157 would add "unremarried surviving spouse" to the definition of "immediate family."