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Honorable Bruce Thompson  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland  
302-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
Senate Bill 275 (LC 47 0096)

Dear Chairman Thompson:

This bill would expand individuals qualified to receive a certificate granting exemption from any occupation tax, administrative fee, or regulatory fee imposed by local governments for peddling, conducting a business, or practicing a profession or semi-profession for a period of ten years to include veterans and their spouses residing in Georgia.

The Department of Veterans Service (DVS) is responsible for processing certification requests permitted under current law. DVS anticipates a three-fold increase from the current 5 to 10 requests per day, with the increased workload resulting in the need for one additional employee at a cost of \$42,900 for salary and benefits.

Sincerely,

Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

Kelly Farr, Director  
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