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HOUSE BILL No. 4273

February 15, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Elsenheimer, Palsrok, Pearce, Van Regenmorter, Garfield, Hansen, David Law, Sheltrown, Moore, Hildenbrand, Pavlov, Accavitti, Bieda, Taub, Palmer, Vander Veen and Pastor and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1915 PA 63, entitled

"An act to provide for the furnishing of suitable flag holders and United States flags for the graves of veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States for the marking and designation of the graves for memorial purposes; and to provide a penalty for the removal or destruction of the flag holders and United States flags when placed,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 35.831), as amended by 1988 PA 263.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 1. (1) The legislative body of a city, village, or township in this state, upon the petition of 5 eligible voters of the city, village, or township, shall procure for and furnish to the petitioners, at the expense of the city, village, or township, a suitable flag holder and United States flag for the grave of each veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States and who is buried within the limits of a cemetery belonging to the city,

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- 1 village, or township. The
- 2 (2) THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A COUNTY IN THIS STATE, UPON
- 3 PETITION OF 5 ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY, MAY PROCURE FOR AND
- 4 FURNISH TO THE PETITIONERS, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COUNTY, A
- 5 SUITABLE FLAG HOLDER AND UNITED STATES FLAG FOR THE GRAVE OF EACH
- 6 VETERAN WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND WHO
- 7 IS BURIED IN ANY CEMETERY LOCATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE COUNTY
- 8 THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO THAT COUNTY OR FOR THE GRAVE OF ANY VETERAN
- 9 WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, WHO WAS A
- 10 RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AT THE TIME OF HIS OR HER DEATH, AND WHO IS
- 11 BURIED IN ANY CEMETERY IN THIS STATE.
- 12 (3) A flag holder and United States flag shall be placed on
- 13 the grave of -each A veteran for the purpose of marking and
- 14 designating the grave for memorial purposes.