

# HOUSE BILL No. 4438

March 2, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Sak, Kehrl, Garfield, Caul, Byrnes, Gonzales, Kathleen Law, Lipsey, Jones, Vagnozzi, Sheltrown, Booher, Moore, Ball, Brown, Gosselin, Pearce, Vander Veen, Bieda and Gleason 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:**

1           Sec. 1. (1) The legislative body of a city, village, or  
2 township in this state, upon the petition of 5 eligible voters of  
3 the city, village, or township, shall procure for and furnish to  
4 the petitioners, at the expense of the city, village, or township,  
5 a 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 within the limits of a cemetery belonging to the city,

1 village, or township. ~~The~~

2 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 2A, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A  
3 CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP IN THIS STATE, UPON PETITION OF 5  
4 ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP, MAY PROCURE FOR  
5 AND FURNISH TO THE PETITIONERS, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CITY,  
6 VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP, A SUITABLE FLAG HOLDER AND UNITED STATES FLAG  
7 FOR THE GRAVE OF EACH VETERAN WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
8 UNITED STATES AND WHO IS BURIED IN ANY CEMETERY LOCATED WITHIN THE  
9 LIMITS OF THE CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP BUT DOES NOT BELONG TO  
10 THAT CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP.

11 (3) A flag holder and United States flag shall be placed on  
12 the grave of ~~each~~ A veteran for the purpose of marking and  
13 designating the grave for memorial purposes.