

HOUSE BILL No. 5615

January 16, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Sak and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to provide for compensation to certain members of the military killed in active duty and payment to surviving spouses and dependents in case of death arising from active duty; and to make an appropriation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. The surviving spouse or dependents of a member of the
2 military who is killed in action as the result of active duty shall
3 receive the sum of \$10,000.00.

4 Sec. 2. (1) The amount provided for in this act shall be paid
5 from the general fund of the state treasury, from money
6 appropriated from the general fund.

7 (2) The attorney general shall review all claims under this
8 act and satisfy himself or herself of the merits of the claim
9 before authorizing payment.

1 Sec. 3. (1) This act applies only to the surviving spouse and
2 dependents, elective or appointive, of a member of the military who
3 is killed in action as the result of active duty.

4 (2) The sum of \$10,000.00 is a total sum paid to the surviving
5 spouse and dependents and is not a sum that is paid to each
6 individual dependent. If the member of the military leaves a
7 surviving spouse, the entire sum shall be paid to the surviving
8 spouse. If there is no surviving spouse, the sum shall be divided
9 equally among the dependents. If there are no dependents, a sum of
10 \$1,000.00 shall be paid to the estate of the member of the
11 military.

12 Sec. 4. As used in this act:

13 (a) "Dependent" means the children, parents, or siblings of
14 the member of the military if they depended on the member of the
15 military for food and shelter.

16 (b) "Member of the military" means a member of any component
17 of the state military establishment.

18 (c) "Surviving spouse" means the spouse of the member of the
19 military.