

HOUSE BILL NO. 4768

June 15, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Wilson and Morgan and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1911 PA 235, entitled

"An act to provide for the payment and reimbursement by counties, in certain cases upon application therefor, of expenses incurred in the burial of the bodies of honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States, or their spouses, and to repeal certain acts or parts of acts,"

by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 35.802 and 35.803).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. ~~It shall be the duty of the members of the~~ **The**
2 soldiers' relief commission of each county, whenever application is
3 made for reimbursement by the county for ~~such~~ **the** funeral expenses

1 paid or advanced, or incurred for the burial of ~~such a~~ deceased
2 ~~person, to individual as described in section 1, shall~~ make an
3 investigation of ~~such the~~ claim and report ~~their its~~ action to the
4 clerk of the board of ~~supervisors~~ **commissioners** of the county, or
5 to the clerk of the board of county auditors, as the case may be,
6 in all cases setting forth all the facts, together with the name,
7 rank, and command to which ~~such the~~ soldier, sailor, marine, nurse,
8 or member of the women's auxiliary belonged, and in case of ~~such~~
9 ~~wife or widow, the spouse or surviving spouse,~~ the rank and command
10 to which ~~her husband~~ **the respective spouse** or deceased ~~husband~~
11 **spouse** belonged, the name and service rendered as ~~such an~~ army
12 nurse, **if applicable**, the date of ~~his or her~~ death, place where
13 buried, and ~~his or her~~ **place of** residence and occupation while
14 living. ~~They~~ **The commission** shall require ~~such person or persons~~
15 **the individual** who paid, advanced, or incurred ~~such the~~ burial
16 expenses for ~~such the~~ deceased ~~person~~ **individual** to furnish the
17 board of ~~supervisors,~~ **commissioners**, or board of county auditors in
18 counties having a board of county auditors, with a sworn itemized
19 statement of the ~~expense~~ **expenses** incurred in the burial of the
20 deceased ~~person~~ **individual** mentioned in the application. The
21 members of the commission, except where they are paid a salary,
22 shall receive from the county the sum of \$2.00 per day for the time
23 actually and necessarily employed by them in the performance of
24 their duties.

25 Sec. 3. ~~It shall be the duty of the~~ **The** clerk of the board of
26 ~~supervisors~~ **commissioners** or board of county auditors, as the case
27 may be, upon receiving the report and statement of expenses
28 provided for in ~~the preceding section, to~~ **section 2, shall**
29 transcribe in a book kept for that purpose all the facts contained

1 in ~~said~~**the** report ~~respecting such~~**concerning the** deceased soldier,
 2 sailor, or marine, or the deceased ~~wife or widow~~**spouse or**
 3 **surviving spouse** of the ~~same~~**, deceased soldier, sailor, or marine,**
 4 or ~~such~~ deceased army nurse, and ~~to~~ report ~~such~~**the** application and
 5 statement to the board of ~~supervisors~~**commissioners** or the board of
 6 county auditors, as the case may be, at the **respective board's** next
 7 meeting. ~~thereof. It shall be the further duty of said~~**The** clerk,
 8 upon the death and burial of any ~~such~~ soldier, sailor, or ~~marine,~~
 9 **marine described in this act** and upon a request ~~therefor, to~~**made**
 10 **on behalf of that soldier, sailor, or marine, shall** make
 11 application to the proper authorities under the government of the
 12 United States for a suitable headstone ~~as that~~ is now or may
 13 ~~hereafter~~**in the future** be provided by act of ~~congress,~~**Congress,**
 14 and ~~to~~ cause the ~~same~~**headstone** to be placed at the head of the
 15 grave of ~~such~~**the** deceased soldier, sailor, or ~~marine.~~ And also, ~~to~~
 16 **marine and shall also** cause a suitable headstone to be placed at
 17 the head of the grave of the deceased ~~wife or widow~~**spouse or**
 18 **surviving spouse** of ~~such~~**the** soldier, sailor, or marine, or army
 19 nurse, if the ~~same~~ shall ~~headstone is~~ now or ~~hereafter~~**may in the**
 20 **future** be provided by act of ~~congress.~~**Congress.**

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
 22 unless Senate Joint Resolution ____ or House Joint Resolution F
 23 (request no. 00367'23) of the 102nd Legislature becomes a part of
 24 the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article
 25 XII of the state constitution of 1963.