

HOUSE BILL NO. 5206

July 01, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Anthony and Rabhi 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~~ **as described in section 1, shall** make an investigation
3 of ~~such the~~ claim and report ~~their its~~ action to the clerk of the
4 board of ~~supervisors~~ **commissioners** of the county, or to the clerk
5 of the board of county auditors, as the case may be, in all cases
6 setting forth all the facts, together with the name, rank, and
7 command to which ~~such the~~ soldier, sailor, marine, nurse, or member
8 of the women's auxiliary belonged, and in case of ~~such wife or~~
9 ~~widow,~~ **the spouse or surviving spouse**, the rank and command to
10 which **his or** her ~~husband~~ **spouse** or deceased ~~husband~~ **spouse**
11 belonged, the name and service rendered as ~~such an~~ army nurse, **if**
12 **applicable**, the date of his or her death, place where buried, and
13 his or her residence and occupation while living. ~~They~~ **The**
14 **commission** shall require ~~such the~~ person or persons ~~who that~~ paid,
15 advanced, or incurred ~~such the~~ burial expenses for ~~such the~~
16 deceased person to furnish the board of ~~supervisors,~~ **commissioners,**
17 or board of county auditors in counties having a board of county
18 auditors, with a sworn itemized statement of the ~~expense~~ **expenses**
19 incurred in the burial of the deceased ~~person~~ **individual** mentioned
20 in the application. The members of the commission, except where
21 they are paid a salary, shall receive from the county the sum of
22 \$2.00 per day for the time actually and necessarily employed by
23 them in the performance of their duties.

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

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

20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
 21 unless Senate Joint Resolution ____ or House Joint Resolution ____
 22 (request no. 02344'21) of the 101st Legislature becomes a part of
 23 the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article
 24 XII of the state constitution of 1963.