

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6315

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 sections 1 and 1a (MCL 35.831 and 35.831a), section 1 as amended by 2005 PA 26 and section 1a as added by 2005 PA 27.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The legislative body of a city, village,
2 **MUNICIPALITY**, or township in this state, upon the petition of **A**
3 **LOCAL, OR AN AFFILIATE OF, A RECOGNIZED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR**
4 **OF** 5 eligible voters of the city, village, **MUNICIPALITY**, or
5 township, shall procure for and furnish to the petitioners, at the
6 expense of the city, village, **MUNICIPALITY**, or township, a suitable

1 flag holder and United States flag for the grave of each veteran
 2 who served in the armed forces of the United States and who is
 3 buried within the limits of a **PUBLIC OR PRIVATE** cemetery ~~belonging~~
 4 ~~to~~ **LOCATED WITHIN** the city, village, **MUNICIPALITY**, or township.
 5 **THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE FLAG HOLDER AND UNITED STATES**
 6 **FLAG FOR PRIVATE CEMETERIES DOES NOT APPLY IN THE CURRENT FISCAL**
 7 **YEAR WHERE AN INITIAL REQUEST FOR A SUITABLE FLAG HOLDER AND UNITED**
 8 **STATES FLAG EXCEEDS 50 GRAVES WITHIN A PARTICULAR TOWNSHIP, BUT**
 9 **WOULD APPLY IN THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR AT THAT TOWNSHIP.**

10 ~~—— (2) The legislative body of a city, village, or township in~~
 11 ~~this state, upon petition of 5 eligible voters of the city,~~
 12 ~~village, or township, may procure for and furnish to the~~
 13 ~~petitioners, at the expense of the city, village, or township, a~~
 14 ~~suitable flag holder and United States flag for the grave of each~~
 15 ~~veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States and who~~
 16 ~~is buried in any cemetery located within the limits of the city,~~
 17 ~~village, or township that does not belong to that city, village, or~~
 18 ~~township.~~

19 (2) ~~—(3)—~~ A flag holder and United States flag shall be placed
 20 on the grave of a veteran for the purpose of marking and
 21 designating the grave for memorial purposes.

22 Sec. 1a. (1) The legislative body of a county in this state,
 23 upon petition of **A LOCAL, OR A LOCAL AFFILIATE OF, A RECOGNIZED**
 24 **VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR OF** 5 eligible voters of the county, may
 25 procure for and furnish to the petitioners, at the expense of the
 26 county, a suitable flag holder and United States flag for the grave
 27 of each veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States

1 and who is buried in any **PUBLIC OR PRIVATE** cemetery located within
2 the limits of the county. ~~that does not belong to that county.~~

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