## **HOUSE BILL NO. 6055**

August 06, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Wittenberg, Hoadley, Brixie, Hood, Ellison, Koleszar, Haadsma, Warren, Sowerby 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





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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 4 of such the claim and report their its action to the clerk of the board of supervisors commissioners of the county, or to the clerk 5 6 of the board of county auditors, as the case may be, in all cases 7 setting forth all the facts, together with the name, rank, and 8 command to which such the soldier, sailor, marine, nurse, or member 9 of the women's auxiliary belonged, and in case of such wife or 10 widow, the spouse or surviving spouse, the rank and command to 11 which his or her husband spouse or deceased husband spouse 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 14 his or her residence and occupation while living. They The 15 commission shall require such the person or persons who that paid, advanced, or incurred such the burial expenses for such the 16 deceased person to furnish the board of supervisors, commissioners, 17 18 or board of county auditors in counties having a board of county 19 auditors, with a sworn itemized statement of the expense expenses 20 incurred in the burial of the deceased person\_individual mentioned 21 in the application. The members of the commission, except where 22 they are paid a salary, shall receive from the county the sum of 23 \$2.00 per day for the time actually and necessarily employed by 24 them in the performance of 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, 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 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 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 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 the head of the grave of the deceased wife or widow spouse or 17 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 unless Senate Joint Resolution or House Joint Resolution T 22 23 (request no. 02690'19) of the 100th Legislature becomes a part of 24 the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article

XII of the state constitution of 1963.

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