

HOUSE BILL NO. 6071

August 06, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Koleszar, Hoadley, Pohutsky, Brixie, Pagan, Kuppa, Tyrone Carter, Hood, Warren, Sowerby and Rabhi and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1899 PA 214, entitled

"An act to provide relief outside of the soldiers' home for honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and members of women's auxiliaries and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and members of women's auxiliaries, and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,"

by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 35.21), section 1 as amended by 2016 PA 218.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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1 An act to provide relief outside of the soldiers' home for
 2 honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses,
 3 and members of women's auxiliaries and the indigent ~~wives, widows~~
 4 **spouses, surviving spouses**, and minor children of ~~such those~~
 5 indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and
 6 members of women's auxiliaries, and to repeal certain acts and
 7 parts of acts.

8 Sec. 1. The county board of commissioners of each county shall
 9 annually levy a tax, not exceeding 1/10 of a mill on each dollar,
 10 to be levied and collected as provided by law, upon the taxable
 11 property of each township and city, for their respective counties,
 12 for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably
 13 discharged indigent members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine
 14 Corps, Coast Guard, and women's auxiliaries and the indigent
 15 spouses, minor children, and parents of each indigent or deceased
 16 member who served during a period of war as described in 38 CFR
 17 3.2, except that for purposes of this section, "period of war" for
 18 the Vietnam era means the following:

19 (a) February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 for a veteran who
 20 served during that period.

21 (b) On or after January 31, 1955 in an area of hazardous duty
 22 for which the veteran received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 23 or Vietnam Service Medal. Funds raised in accordance with this
 24 section may be expended for the relief of indigent ~~wives~~**spouses**
 25 and children of active duty soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen,
 26 coast guardsmen, nurses, and members of the women's auxiliaries
 27 during the continuance of present hostilities and prior to their
 28 discharge. However, in any year which, in the opinion of the board,
 29 an emergency exists, the board may appropriate a sum not to exceed



1 2/10 of a mill on each dollar for the purposes of this section. The
2 money, when collected, shall be paid to the county treasurer of the
3 county where the tax is levied in each of the counties in this
4 state, to be paid out by the treasurer upon the order of the
5 soldiers' relief commission if signed by the chairperson and
6 secretary of the commission. If any money in the fund is not
7 necessary for the purpose for which it was raised, the money shall
8 remain in the treasury of the county as a soldiers' relief fund,
9 and shall be considered in raising future sums for this purpose.

10 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
11 unless Senate Joint Resolution ____ or House Joint Resolution T
12 (request no. 02690'19) of the 100th Legislature becomes a part of
13 the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article
14 XII of the state constitution of 1963.

