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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,
JUNE 19, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," further providing for the
21 payment of gratuities to children of certain veterans.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Section 1411(e) of the act of April 9, 1929
25 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,

1 added December 30, 1959 (P.L.2082, No.767), is amended to read:

2 Section 1411. State Veterans' Commission.--The State
3 Veterans' Commission shall have the power, and its duty shall
4 be:

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6 (e) To certify for payment gratuities for the children,
7 between the ages of sixteen and [twenty-one years, of totally
8 disabled veterans and of soldiers, marines, female clerks,
9 yeoman (female), or members of the Enlisted Nurse Corps of the
10 United States, who die or have died of Spanish-American War or
11 World War I. service connected disabilities, and of totally
12 disabled veterans and of members of the Armed Forces of the
13 United States and of women's organizations officially connected
14 therewith, who die or have died of World War II., or the armed
15 conflict in Korea service connected disabilities as certified
16 from Veterans Administration records] twenty-three years, of
17 honorably discharged veterans who have been certified by the
18 United States Veterans' Administration as having war time
19 service-connected disabilities rated as totally and permanently
20 disabled or who have died of war service-connected disabilities.
21 Such children must have lived in the Commonwealth of
22 Pennsylvania for five years immediately preceding the date upon
23 which the application was filed. Certification by the State
24 Veterans' Commission shall be made when the children meet the
25 following requirements:

26 (1) As coming within the class of children described above,

27 (2) As attending any [State or State-aided] educational or
28 training institution of a secondary or college grade or other
29 institution of higher education, business school, trade school,
30 hospital providing training for nurses school, or institution

1 providing courses in beauty culture, art, radio or undertaking
2 or embalming or such other educational training within [this
3 Commonwealth] the United States as approved by the State
4 Veterans' Commission, and

5 (3) As being unable, without such gratuity, to pursue his or
6 her education or training.

7 Payments not exceeding [two hundred dollars (\$200)] five
8 hundred dollars (\$500) per term or semester per child shall be
9 made to such institution upon the submission by them of proof
10 that the applicant is a full-time student and that bills have
11 been incurred or contracted for matriculation fees and other
12 necessary fees, tuition, board, room rent, books and supplies
13 for such children in a definite amount for the school year. Such
14 proof shall be submitted to the State Veterans' Commission which
15 shall attach the same to the requisitions prepared for payments
16 out of appropriations made for such purpose: Provided, however,
17 That payments per term or semester per child are adjusted so
18 that total payments to such institutions do not exceed the
19 amount of the appropriation.

20 When a child within the class of children eligible to receive
21 a gratuity authorized by this section is completing an
22 educational or training course, and becomes [twenty-one] twenty-
23 three years of age before completing the course, the gratuity
24 may be paid until the course is completed: Provided, That
25 gratuities may not be paid for any child for a longer period
26 than four scholastic years and/or after having attained his or
27 her twenty-seventh birthday.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1985, or
29 immediately, whichever is later.