

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, establishing a Decoration of Veterans'  
3 Graves Fund.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 3706. Decoration of Veterans' Graves Fund.

9 (a) Establishment of fund.--There is established in the  
10 State Treasury a restricted receipts account within the General  
11 Fund which shall be known as the Decoration of Veterans' Graves  
12 Fund.

13 (b) Purpose.--All contributions received for the benefit of  
14 the fund shall be used by the department to procure suitable  
15 veterans' grave markers and United States flags to be  
16 distributed to participating counties for the perpetual

1 decoration of veterans' graves. The equitable distribution of  
2 suitable veterans' grave markers and flags shall be determined  
3 by the department based on application information submitted  
4 annually by participating counties.

5 (c) Administration of program.--

6 (1) The department shall accept voluntary contributions  
7 from persons for deposit into the fund.

8 (2) All moneys received shall be deposited into the  
9 fund.

10 (d) Use of fund.--The moneys deposited in the fund shall be  
11 distributed on a continuing basis for the procurement of markers  
12 and flags for veterans' graves.

13 (e) Reporting.--Not later than July 31, 2012, and July 31  
14 each year thereafter for the length of the program, the  
15 department shall submit a status report on the Decoration of  
16 Veterans' Graves Fund program to include all moneys in the fund  
17 and distribution of the flags and veterans' markers to the  
18 participating counties, to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency  
19 Preparedness Committee of the Senate and to the Veterans Affairs  
20 and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of  
21 Representatives.

22 (f) Guidelines.--The department shall develop guidelines for  
23 the administration of this section.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.