## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 1325

Session of 1975

INTRODUCED BY LYNCH AND WRIGHT, MAY 28, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, JUNE 2, 1975

## AN ACT

- Amending the act of July 18, 1968 (P.L.405, No.183), entitled "An act providing compensation to certain persons who served 3 in the military, naval or air forces of the United States or of any of her allies during the Vietnam Conflict; providing 5 the method of making payment to representatives of persons 6 who, because of death or incapacity, cannot personally 7 receive compensation; imposing certain duties on the Adjutant 8 General; making an appropriation and providing penalties," further providing for and extending the deadline for 9 consideration of certain applications. 10
- 11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 12 hereby enacts as follows:
- 13 Section 1. Section 4, act of July 18, 1968 (P.L.405,
- 14 No.183), known as the "Vietnam Conflict Veterans' Compensation
- 15 Act," is amended to read:
- 16 Section 4. Application for Compensation.--Applications for
- 17 compensation shall be made to the Adjutant General on forms and
- 18 in the manner as he shall prescribe.
- 19 All applications shall be made (1) personally by the veteran,
- 20 or (2) in case of death or mental incompetency preventing the
- 21 making of a personal application, then by such representative of
- 22 the veteran as the Adjutant General shall by regulation

- 1 prescribe. An application made by a representative other than
- 2 one authorized by such regulation shall be void.
- 3 The Adjutant General shall not accept or consider any
- 4 application filed or mailed after two years beyond the date
- 5 which Congress establishes as the end of the period of service
- 6 for which a person shall be eligible to receive the Vietnam
- 7 Service Medal: <u>Provided</u>, <u>however</u>, <u>That</u>, <u>if the Adjutant General</u>
- 8 <u>determines that the applicant had a valid reason for failure to</u>
- 9 submit the required application within the time prescribed by
- 10 this act, the Adjutant General shall accept such applications if
- 11 <u>submitted by January 1, 1976 or sixty days after the effective</u>
- 12 <u>date of this amendatory act, whichever occurs later.</u>
- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.