

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 380 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BROWBLEE, CALTAGIRONE, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, P. DALEY, DEAN, DEASY, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, HAGGERTY, HESS, W. KELLER, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MATZIE, MCCARTER, MICOZZIE, MURT, SIMMONS, STEPHENS, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 29, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 29, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114),
 2 entitled, as amended, "An act establishing a unified
 3 workforce investment system; restructuring certain
 4 administrative functions, procedures and entities;
 5 transferring workforce development functions of Commonwealth
 6 agencies; establishing the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment
 7 Board; providing for critical job training grants, for
 8 guarantees for program quality and performance for workforce
 9 development programs, for workforce leadership grants and for
 10 industry partnerships; establishing the Keystone Works
 11 Program; and authorizing local workforce investment boards,"
 12 providing for allowance for veterans, guard members and
 13 military spouses.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. The act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114),
 17 known as the Workforce Development Act, is amended by adding a
 18 section to read:

19 Section 1405.1. Allowance for veterans, guard members and
 20 military spouses.

21 Notwithstanding the unemployment compensation benefits paid

1 to qualified claimants under this act, each participating
2 claimant in the program shall be paid a weekly allowance of not
3 less than \$50 for supportive services, including, but not
4 limited to, transportation, child care and dependent care, that
5 would enable the claimant to participate in the program. The
6 following apply:

7 (1) The allowance shall be paid out of the General Fund
8 appropriation for the program or Federal funds that may be
9 available for the purposes of this section.

10 (2) Unless otherwise provided for by Federal law,
11 payment of the allowance under this section may not be
12 considered as income for the purposes of determining
13 eligibility for and the amount of aid furnished under a
14 federally assisted program based on need.

15 (3) Payment of the allowance is limited to the following
16 individuals:

17 (i) a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who
18 has been honorably discharged;

19 (ii) a current or former member of the Pennsylvania
20 National Guard who has been honorably discharged;

21 (iii) a spouse of a veteran who has at least a 10%
22 service-connected disability; or

23 (iv) a spouse of a veteran who died while in service
24 or from a service-connected disability who has not
25 remarried since the veteran's death.

26 (4) The allowance is not available to individuals
27 eligible for the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program
28 established in section 211 of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of
29 2011 (Public Law 112-56, 125 Stat. 712).

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.