

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2092 Session of
1978

INTRODUCED BY DeMEDIO, NOVAK, ZITTERMAN, CIMINI, LEVI, ZELLER,
PETRARCA, FEE, KOLTER AND CASSIDY, MARCH 13, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,
MARCH 13, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 11, 1935 (P.L.326, No.149), entitled
2 "An act relating to counties of the first class; defining
3 deceased service persons; providing for contributions by the
4 county to the funeral expenses for such persons and their
5 widows; providing for the erection and care of markers,
6 headstones, and flags, and for the compilation of war
7 records," changing the duties of undertakers relating to
8 certain payments for deceased veterans and spouses.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 4, act of June 11, 1935 (P.L.326,
12 No.149), entitled "An act relating to counties of the first
13 class; defining deceased service persons; providing for
14 contributions by the county to the funeral expenses for such
15 persons and their widows; providing for the erection and care of
16 markers, headstones, and flags, and for the compilation of war
17 records," amended November 5, 1971 (P.L.512, No.121), is amended
18 to read:

19 Section 4. Payments.--It shall be the duty of each such
20 county in this State to draw a warrant upon the treasurer of

1 their county in the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), or one
2 hundred dollars (\$100.00) if the additional sum of twenty-five
3 dollars (\$25.00) is authorized, for each body buried in
4 accordance with the provisions of this act, to be paid out of
5 the funds of the county, and such warrants shall be made payable
6 to the applicant or applicants if the application shows that the
7 funeral expenses have been paid, otherwise to the undertaker
8 performing the services, with notice to the applicant.

9 Application for such contribution shall be made by the
10 personal representative of such deceased service person or
11 deceased service person's widow, if there be such personal
12 representative, if no such personal representative has
13 qualified, then by any next of kin, individual or veterans'
14 organization who, or which, assumes responsibility for the cost
15 of burial of the body, and shall be sustained by affidavit as to
16 the facts.

17 Such application shall be on forms prescribed by the
18 Department of Military Affairs, and shall set forth whether or
19 not the funeral expenses have been paid. The application shall
20 have attached thereto, a certified copy of the death
21 certificate, and [an affidavit] a certification by the
22 undertaker, who had charge of the burial of the body, and to the
23 effect that the undertaker did render such service.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.