



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1421

PRINTERS NO. 1528

PRIME SPONSOR: Thomas

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1421, Printer's Number 1528, increases the contracted burial detail allowance and allows the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to request the services of members of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) Section 705 addressing the burial details for veterans by adding language allowing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to request the services of members of the Pennsylvania National Guard. It also increases the pay for any veterans' group that contracts with DMVA to provide burial details from \$150 to \$250 per day if a contract is executed.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Burial Detail Honor Guard appropriation in DMVA's budget is \$99,000 in the current fiscal year to support this program at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and Washington Crossing National Cemetery. While the bill increases the burial detail allowance costs paid to veterans' groups by \$100 or 67 percent from \$150 to \$250 per day, any additional costs would be contingent upon contracts executed by the DMVA with veterans' groups. Also, while some burial details have been covered under the U.S. Army burial program previously, the bill also allows the department to request the services of members of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*