

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1561 Session of  
1997

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LEDERER, PRESTON, STERN, McCALL, BELFANTI, ARMSTRONG AND  
SEYFERT, JUNE 3, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 3, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, authorizing the department to arrange  
3 for burial details in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery;  
4 and making an appropriation.

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

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

9 § 705. Burial details for veterans.

10 (a) Authority.--The department shall have the power to  
11 arrange for burial details for veteran soldiers who are to be  
12 interred in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

13 (b) Contracts.--The department may enter into contracts with  
14 a Statewide, nonprofit fraternal society that represents various  
15 veterans' groups for the purpose of providing the burial details  
16 authorized by this section. In any such contract, the department

1 shall pay \$150 for each day that the burial detail is provided  
2 and no other expenses shall be paid by the department under the  
3 contract.

4 (c) Terms.--Any burial detail contract entered into under  
5 this section shall include the following terms:

6 (1) A minimum of three veterans shall participate in the  
7 burial detail.

8 (2) The veterans shall be similarly uniformed and  
9 equipped.

10 (3) A bugler shall perform taps or a recording of taps  
11 may be played over the tape recording system of the cemetery.

12 (4) The party under the contract shall indemnify and  
13 hold harmless the department and the Commonwealth from any  
14 claims arising out of the performance of the burial details.

15 (d) Insurance.--The party under the contract pursuant to  
16 this section shall provide liability insurance for all burial  
17 details, in such amount as prescribed by the department.

18 (e) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate the rules  
19 and regulations necessary to carry out this section.

20 Section 2. The sum of \$50,000, or as much thereof as may be  
21 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the  
22 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year  
23 July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, to pay for the services  
24 performed under this act.

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, or  
26 immediately, whichever is later.