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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 29, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Military Family  
3 Relief Fund and its operation.

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

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

8 § 7319. Contributions to Military Family Relief Fund.

9 (a) Creation of fund.--In order to carry out the purposes of  
10 section 315.8 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known  
11 as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, there is hereby established  
12 under the State Treasurer a special fund, which shall be known  
13 as the Military Family Relief Fund.

14 (b) Administration.--

15 (1) The department, in cooperation with the State

1 Treasurer, shall administer the fund and shall accept  
2 voluntary contributions from persons for the fund.

3 (2) Contributions received for the fund shall be  
4 distributed by the department to Pennsylvania resident  
5 servicemen or servicewomen or their families that have  
6 suffered a sudden or unexpected loss of income or other  
7 source of support or a death or an illness of a family member  
8 that creates a direct and immediate demonstrable financial  
9 need for assistance in order to provide themselves and their  
10 families with food, shelter, clothing, required medical care  
11 and other necessities of life.

12 (3) Persons applying for assistance from the fund must  
13 physically reside in this Commonwealth and demonstrate that  
14 they have applied for and been turned down for existing  
15 relief programs as determined by the department.

16 (c) Rules.--The department shall develop rules and  
17 regulations necessary to administer the provisions of this  
18 chapter.

19 (d) Moneys received.--All moneys received from the voluntary  
20 contribution system established in section 315.8 of the Tax  
21 Reform Code of 1971 shall be deposited in the fund.

22 (e) Future appropriations.--The General Assembly may, from  
23 time to time, appropriate funds into the special fund for the  
24 purposes of this section.

25 (f) Use of fund money.--The moneys contained in the fund are  
26 continuously appropriated to the Department of Military and  
27 Veterans Affairs for the exclusive use of carrying out the  
28 purposes of this section.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.