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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 6, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, establishing a Decoration of Veterans'  
3 Graves Fund.

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 § 3706. Decoration of Veterans' Graves Fund.

9 (a) Establishment of fund.--In order to carry out the  
10 purposes of section 315.10 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6,  
11 No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, there is hereby  
12 established in the State Treasury a restricted receipts account  
13 within the General Fund which shall be known as the Decoration  
14 of Veterans' Graves Fund.

1       (b) Purpose.--All contributions received for the benefit of  
2 the fund, including those from the income tax checkoff provided  
3 under section 315.10 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, shall be  
4 used by the department to procure suitable veterans' grave  
5 markers and United States flags to be distributed to  
6 participating counties for the perpetual decoration of veterans'  
7 graves. The equitable distribution of suitable veterans' grave  
8 markers and flags shall be determined by the department based on  
9 application information submitted annually by participating  
10 counties.

11       (c) Administration of program.--

12           (1) The department shall accept voluntary contributions  
13 from persons for deposit into the fund.

14           (2) All moneys received from the voluntary contribution  
15 system established under section 315.10 of the Tax Reform  
16 Code of 1971 shall be deposited into the fund.

17       (d) Use of fund.--The moneys deposited in the fund shall be  
18 distributed on a continuing basis for the procurement of markers  
19 and flags for veterans' graves.

20       (e) Reporting.--Not later than July 31, 2009, and July 31  
21 each year thereafter for the length of the program, the  
22 department shall submit a status report on the Decoration of  
23 Veterans' Graves Fund program to include all moneys in the fund  
24 and distribution of the flags and veterans' markers to the  
25 participating counties, to the Veterans Affairs and Emergency  
26 Preparedness Committee of the Senate and the Veterans Affairs  
27 and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of  
28 Representatives.

29       (f) Guidelines.--The department shall develop guidelines for  
30 the administration of this section.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.