

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY
26, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for burial details
3 for veterans.

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

6 Section 1. Section 705 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 705. Burial details for veterans.

9 (a) Authority.--The department shall have the power to
10 arrange for burial details for veteran soldiers who are to be
11 interred in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery [and], the
12 National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and the Washington Crossing
13 National Cemetery.

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

1 shall pay an amount not exceeding \$150 for each day that the
2 burial detail is provided, and no other expenses shall be paid
3 by the department under the 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.--Any veterans organization, the members of
16 which perform a burial detail pursuant to this section, shall
17 provide liability insurance for the burial details in such
18 amount as prescribed by the department.

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

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.