

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 380 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BROWNLIE, CALTAGIRONE, CONKLIN, D. COSTA,  
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HAGGERTY, HESS, W. KELLER, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MATZIE,  
MCCARTER, MICOZZIE, MURT, SIMMONS, STEPHENS, WHITE AND  
YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 29, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 29, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act establishing a unified  
3 workforce investment system; restructuring certain  
4 administrative functions, procedures and entities;  
5 transferring workforce development functions of Commonwealth  
6 agencies; establishing the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment  
7 Board; providing for critical job training grants, for  
8 guarantees for program quality and performance for workforce  
9 development programs, for workforce leadership grants and for  
10 industry partnerships; establishing the Keystone Works  
11 Program; and authorizing local workforce investment boards,"  
12 providing for allowance for veterans, guard members and  
13 military spouses.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. The act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114),  
17 known as the Workforce Development Act, is amended by adding a  
18 section to read:

19 Section 1405.1. Allowance for veterans, guard members and  
20 military spouses.

21 Notwithstanding the unemployment compensation benefits paid

1 to qualified claimants under this act, each participating  
2 claimant in the program shall be paid a weekly allowance of not  
3 less than \$50 for supportive services, including, but not  
4 limited to, transportation, child care and dependent care, that  
5 would enable the claimant to participate in the program. The  
6 following apply:

7       (1) The allowance shall be paid out of the General Fund  
8 appropriation for the program or Federal funds that may be  
9 available for the purposes of this section.

10       (2) Unless otherwise provided for by Federal law,  
11 payment of the allowance under this section may not be  
12 considered as income for the purposes of determining  
13 eligibility for and the amount of aid furnished under a  
14 federally assisted program based on need.

15       (3) Payment of the allowance is limited to the following  
16 individuals:

17           (i) a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who  
18 has been honorably discharged;

19           (ii) a current or former member of the Pennsylvania  
20 National Guard who has been honorably discharged;

21           (iii) a spouse of a veteran who has at least a 10%  
22 service-connected disability; or

23           (iv) a spouse of a veteran who died while in service  
24 or from a service-connected disability who has not  
25 remarried since the veteran's death.

26       (4) The allowance is not available to individuals  
27 eligible for the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program  
28 established in section 211 of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of  
29 2011 (Public Law 112-56, 125 Stat. 712).

30       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.