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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,  
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## AN ACT

1 Providing for compensation payments to persons who served on  
2 active military duty in combat zones in connection with the  
3 Global War on Terrorism or their beneficiaries; authorizing  
4 the incurring of indebtedness and the issue and sale of bonds  
5 by the Commonwealth for the payment of the benefits  
6 contingent upon electorate approval; establishing the Global  
7 War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Fund and the  
8 Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking  
9 Fund; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of  
10 Military and Veterans Affairs.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Short title.

14 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Global War on  
15 Terrorism Veterans' Compensation Act.

16 Section 2. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
18 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "Active duty." For a member of an active or reserve

1 component of the armed forces of the United States, the time  
2 served on full-time duty in a zone of combat after September 11,  
3 2001, for which the member has received combat or hazardous duty  
4 pay and received the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary  
5 Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal or the Afghanistan Campaign Medal  
6 for service related the to Global War on Terrorism. The term  
7 includes time spent in hospitals as a result of service-  
8 connected wounds, diseases or injuries sustained on active duty.  
9 Proof of such service shall be the official military records of  
10 the United States or such other evidence as deemed sufficient by  
11 the Adjutant General. The term does not include time served on  
12 active duty outside of combat zones or hospitals as provided in  
13 this definition or active duty for training or schooling.

14 "Eligible veteran." A member or former member of the armed  
15 forces of the United States, including a member of the Army  
16 National Guard of the United States, the Air National Guard of  
17 the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces who  
18 was deployed overseas to perform active duty in a combat zone in  
19 connection with Global War on Terrorism operations. The term  
20 does not include an individual who:

21 (1) at any time during the Global War on Terrorism or  
22 thereafter, was discharged or released from the armed forces  
23 under other than honorable conditions; or

24 (2) has renounced his United States citizenship.

25 "Fund." The Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment  
26 Bond Fund established in this act.

27 "Global War on Terrorism." Military efforts in the United  
28 States and abroad directly resulting from the terrorist attacks  
29 on the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and the aircraft that  
30 went down in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11,

1 2001. For the purposes of this act, the Global War on Terrorism  
2 shall be deemed to have ended when military efforts cease as  
3 ordered by the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed  
4 Forces.

5 "Issuing officials." The Governor, the Auditor General and  
6 the State Treasurer.

7 "Legal resident of this Commonwealth." A member of the  
8 United States Armed Forces, the reserve component of the United  
9 States Armed Forces or the Pennsylvania National Guard whose  
10 place of enlistment was Pennsylvania or whose home of record  
11 upon discharge was Pennsylvania and whose current primary  
12 residence is Pennsylvania. The proof of such residence shall be  
13 the official records of the United States or such other evidence  
14 as deemed sufficient by the Adjutant General.

15 "Parents." Includes persons who, for a period of not less  
16 than one year, acted in the capacity of a foster parent to the  
17 veteran immediately prior to the veteran having attained 18  
18 years of age.

19 Section 3. Computation of compensation.

20 (a) Amounts.--An eligible veteran or beneficiary of an  
21 eligible veteran shall qualify for payment of one of the  
22 following compensation payments:

23 (1) If the eligible veteran performed one or more tours  
24 of active duty for a cumulative total of not less than 31,  
25 nor more than 365 days, \$500.

26 (2) If the eligible veteran performed one or more tours  
27 of active duty for a cumulative total of more than 365 days,  
28 \$1,000.

29 (3) If the eligible veteran was wounded in action and  
30 awarded a Purple Heart while performing a tour of active

1 duty, regardless of duration, \$1,000.

2 (4) If the eligible veteran was held as prisoner of war  
3 while performing a tour of active duty, regardless of  
4 duration, \$5,000.

5 (5) If the eligible veteran was killed in action while  
6 performing a tour of active duty, regardless of duration,  
7 \$5,000.

8 (b) Exclusion from bonus payment.--An individual who has  
9 received a bonus, gratuity or bonus payment of a nature similar  
10 to that provided by this act from any other state in the United  
11 States is ineligible for payment under this act. This exclusion  
12 does not apply to a similar bonus, gratuity or bonus payment  
13 from the Federal Government.

14 Section 4. Application for compensation.

15 (a) Application to Adjutant General.--Applications must be  
16 made by a veteran or the beneficiaries designated under section  
17 5(b).

18 (b) Time for filing application.--The Adjutant General shall  
19 not accept or consider any application filed after December 31,  
20 2020.

21 Section 5. Person to whom payments shall be made in case of  
22 incompetence or death.

23 (a) Incompetence.--In a case where an eligible veteran is  
24 incompetent and no guardian has been appointed, payment shall be  
25 made for the benefit of the veteran to the person who is  
26 entitled to payment under subsection (b).

27 (b) Death.--In the case of the death of an eligible veteran,  
28 payment shall be made, in the order named, to the:

29 (1) surviving spouse unless the spouse was living  
30 separate and apart from the veteran at the time of departure

1 for active duty;

2 (2) surviving children, share and share alike; or

3 (3) surviving parents.

4 Section 6. Applicant to designate beneficiaries.

5 Every person making application for compensation shall set  
6 fourth in the application the names and addresses of all persons  
7 who, under this act, would be entitled to receive compensation  
8 in the event of the death of the applicant. If the applicant  
9 dies before the payment of the compensation, the application  
10 shall be deemed to inure to the benefit of the person next  
11 entitled to compensation, and payment shall be made to the  
12 person upon proof of identity satisfactory to the Adjutant  
13 General. If no person designated in this act as being entitled  
14 to compensation survives the veteran, the right to the  
15 compensation shall cease.

16 Section 7. Exemption from attachment.

17 (a) General rule.--No sum payable under this act to an  
18 eligible veteran or to any other person under this act shall be  
19 subject to attachment, levy or seizure under any legal or  
20 equitable process and shall be exempt from all State taxation.

21 (b) Assignment.--

22 (1) No right to compensation under this act shall be  
23 assignable, except as otherwise provided in this act or shall  
24 serve as security for any loan. Any assignment or loan made  
25 in violation of this section shall be void.

26 (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to assignments to any  
27 incorporated or unincorporated organization of veterans, any  
28 nonprofit corporation, formed solely for the purpose of  
29 aiding disabled or incapacitated veterans and the State  
30 Veterans' Commission.

1 Section 8. Penalty for charging fees for assisting veterans.

2 A person who charges or collects or attempts to charge or  
3 collect, either directly or indirectly, any fee or other  
4 compensation for assisting, in any manner, a veteran in  
5 obtaining any of the benefits provided under this act commits a  
6 misdemeanor of the second degree.

7 Section 9. Administration of program.

8 The Adjutant General shall administer the compensation  
9 program. For that purpose, application forms shall be prepared  
10 and distributed, applications shall be investigated and if  
11 satisfied of the proof of an application, compensation shall be  
12 approved and payment of compensation shall be made. The Adjutant  
13 General shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement,  
14 administer and enforce this act. The Adjutant General shall, as  
15 soon as practicable after the effective date of this section,  
16 prepare and distribute a digest explaining the provisions of  
17 this act to assist veterans in filing their applications and  
18 shall periodically prepare and distribute additional or  
19 supplementary information as may be found necessary. The  
20 Adjutant General shall request, as far as possible, the services  
21 of veteran organizations in this Commonwealth in the  
22 dissemination of the information.

23 Section 10. Funding source of compensation payments.

24 The compensation payable under this act shall, upon  
25 requisition by the Adjutant General, be paid by the State  
26 Treasurer from the fund with funds realized from a proposed bond  
27 issue. Payments shall be made as soon as possible after funds  
28 are available.

29 Section 11. The Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment  
30 Bond Fund.

1 (a) Establishment.--The Global War on Terrorism Bonus  
2 Payment Bond Fund is established in the State Treasury and shall  
3 be the source from which all payments are authorized with the  
4 approval of the Governor to carry out the purposes of this act.  
5 The moneys in the fund shall only be utilized:

6 (1) For the purpose of providing compensation to  
7 veterans in accordance with the provisions of this act.

8 (2) For the administrative costs incurred in any of the  
9 purposes in paragraph (1), including the costs incurred in  
10 connection with the issuance of the bonds.

11 (b) Interfund transfers authorized.--

12 (1) Whenever the cash balance and the current estimated  
13 receipts of the fund shall be insufficient at any time during  
14 any State fiscal year to meet promptly the obligations of the  
15 Commonwealth from the fund, the State Treasurer may, during  
16 such fiscal year, transfer from the General Fund to the fund  
17 such sums as the Governor directs, but in no case less than  
18 the amount necessary to meet promptly the obligations to be  
19 paid from the fund nor more than the amount which is the  
20 smaller of:

21 (i) The difference between the amount of debt  
22 authorized to be issued under the authority of this act  
23 and the aggregate principal amount of bonds and notes  
24 issued, not including refunding bonds and replacement  
25 notes.

26 (ii) The difference between the aggregate principal  
27 amount of bonds and notes to be issued during a State  
28 fiscal year and the aggregate principal amount of bonds  
29 and notes, not including refunding bonds and replacement  
30 notes, issued during such State fiscal year.

1 Any sums transferred shall be available only for the  
2 purposes for which funds are appropriated from the fund. The  
3 transfers shall be made under this section upon warrant of  
4 the State Treasurer upon requisition of the Governor.

5 (2) In order to reimburse the General Fund for moneys  
6 transferred from such funds under paragraph (1), there shall  
7 be transferred from the fund to the General Fund moneys from  
8 the proceeds obtained from bonds and notes issued under  
9 authority of this act or from other available funds in such  
10 amounts and at such times as the Governor shall direct. The  
11 retransfers shall be made upon warrant of the State Treasurer  
12 upon requisition of the Governor.

13 Section 12. Commonwealth indebtedness.

14 (a) Borrowing authorized.--

15 (1) If and when the electorate approves a referendum  
16 question for the incurring of indebtedness in the amount and  
17 for the purposes prescribed in this act, the issuing  
18 officials, pursuant to the provisions of section 7(a)(3) of  
19 Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, are  
20 authorized and directed to borrow, on the credit of the  
21 Commonwealth, money not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of  
22 \$40,000,000 not including money borrowed to refund  
23 outstanding bonds, notes or replacement notes, as may be  
24 found necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

25 (2) As evidence of the indebtedness, general obligation  
26 bonds of the Commonwealth shall be issued from time to time  
27 to provide moneys necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
28 act for such total amounts, in such form, in such  
29 denominations and subject to such terms and conditions of  
30 issue, redemption and maturity, rate of interest and time of



1 payment of interest as the issuing officials direct, except  
2 that the latest stated maturity date shall not exceed 20  
3 years from the date of the first obligation issued to  
4 evidence the debt.

5 (3) All bonds and notes issued under the authority of  
6 this act shall bear facsimile signatures of the issuing  
7 officials and a facsimile of the Great Seal of the  
8 Commonwealth and shall be countersigned by a duly authorized  
9 officer of a duly authorized loan and transfer agent of the  
10 Commonwealth.

11 (4) All bonds and notes issued in accordance with the  
12 provisions of this section shall be direct obligations of the  
13 Commonwealth and the full faith and credit of the  
14 Commonwealth is hereby pledged for the payment of the  
15 interest thereon, as it becomes due, and the payment of the  
16 principal at maturity. The principal of and interest on the  
17 bonds and notes shall be payable in lawful money of the  
18 United States.

19 (5) All bonds and notes issued under the provisions of  
20 this section shall be exempt from taxation for State and  
21 local purposes.

22 (6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or  
23 registered as to both principal and interest as the issuing  
24 officials may determine. If interest coupons are attached,  
25 they shall contain the facsimile signature of the State  
26 Treasurer.

27 (7) The issuing officials shall provide for the  
28 amortization of the bonds in substantial and regular amounts  
29 over the term of the debt so that the bonds of each issue  
30 allocated to the programs to be funded from the bond issue

1 shall mature within a period not to exceed the appropriate  
2 amortization period for each program as specified by the  
3 issuing officials but in no case in excess of 20 years. The  
4 first retirement of principal shall mature prior to the  
5 expiration of a period of time equal to one-tenth of the time  
6 from the date of the first obligation issued to evidence the  
7 debt to the date of the expiration of the term of the debt.  
8 Retirements of principal shall be regular and substantial if  
9 made in annual or semiannual amounts whether by stated serial  
10 maturities or by mandatory sinking fund retirements.

11 (8) The issuing officials are authorized to provide by  
12 resolution for the issuance of refunding bonds for the  
13 purpose of refunding any debt issued under the provisions of  
14 this act and then outstanding, either by voluntary exchange  
15 with the holders of the outstanding debt or providing funds  
16 to redeem and retire the outstanding debt with accrued  
17 interest, any premium payable thereon and the costs of  
18 issuance and retirement of the debt, at maturity or at any  
19 call date. The issuance of the refunding bonds, the  
20 maturities and other details thereof, the rights of the  
21 holders thereof and the duties of the issuing official in  
22 respect thereto shall be governed by the provisions of this  
23 section insofar as they may be applicable. Refunding bonds,  
24 which are not subject to the aggregate limitation of  
25 \$20,000,000 of debt to be issued under this act, may be  
26 issued by the issuing officials to refund debt originally  
27 issued or to refund bonds previously issued for refunding  
28 purposes.

29 (9) Whenever any action is to be taken or decision made  
30 by the Governor, the Auditor General and the State Treasurer

1 acting as issuing officials and the three officers are not  
2 able unanimously to agree, the action or decision of the  
3 Governor and either the Auditor General or the State  
4 Treasurer shall be binding and final.

5 (b) Sale of bonds.--

6 (1) Whenever bonds are issued, they shall be offered for  
7 sale at not less than 98% of the principal amount and accrued  
8 interest and shall be sold by issuing officials to the  
9 highest and best bidder or bidders after due public  
10 advertisement on the terms and conditions and upon such open  
11 competitive bidding as the issuing officials shall direct.  
12 The manner and character of the advertisement and the time of  
13 advertising shall be prescribed by the issuing officials. No  
14 commission shall be allowed or paid for the sale of any bonds  
15 issued under the authority of this act.

16 (2) Any portion of any bond issue so offered and not  
17 sold or subscribed for at public sale may be disposed of by  
18 private sale by the issuing officials in such manner and at  
19 such prices, not less than 98% of the principal amount and  
20 accrued interest, as the Governor shall direct. No commission  
21 shall be allowed or paid for the sale of any bonds issued  
22 under the authority of this act.

23 (3) When bonds are issued from time to time, the bonds  
24 of each issue shall constitute a separate series to be  
25 designated by the issuing officials or may be combined for  
26 sale as one series with other general obligation bonds of the  
27 Commonwealth.

28 (4) Until permanent bonds can be prepared, the issuing  
29 officials may in their discretion issue, in lieu of permanent  
30 bonds, temporary bonds in such form and with such privileges

1 as to registration and exchange for permanent bonds as may be  
2 determined by the issuing officials.

3 (5) The proceeds realized from the sale of bonds and  
4 notes, except refunding bonds and replacement notes, under  
5 the provisions of this act shall be paid into the fund. The  
6 proceeds shall be paid by the State Treasurer periodically to  
7 those Commonwealth officers and Commonwealth agencies  
8 authorized to expend them at such times and in such amounts  
9 as may be necessary to satisfy the funding needs thereof. The  
10 proceeds of the sale of refunding bonds and replacement notes  
11 shall be paid to the State Treasurer and applied to the  
12 payment of principal, the accrued interest and premium, if  
13 any, and cost of redemption of the bonds and notes for which  
14 the obligations shall have been issued.

15 (6) Pending their application for the purposes  
16 authorized, moneys held or deposited by the State Treasurer  
17 may be invested or reinvested as are other funds in the  
18 custody of the State Treasurer in the manner provided by law.  
19 All earnings received from the investment or deposit of the  
20 funds shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of  
21 the fund. The earnings in excess of bond discounts allowed,  
22 expenses paid for issuance of bonds and notes and interest  
23 arbitrage rebates due to the Federal Government shall be  
24 transferred annually to the fund. Any interest or investment  
25 income shall be applied to assist in the payment of the debt  
26 service incurred in connection with this act.

27 (7) The Auditor General shall prepare the necessary  
28 registry book to be kept in the office of the duly authorized  
29 loan and transfer agent of the Commonwealth for the  
30 registration of any bonds, at the request of owners thereof,

1 according to the terms and conditions of issue directed by  
2 the issuing officials.

3 (8) There is hereby appropriated to the State Treasurer  
4 from the fund as much money as may be necessary for all costs  
5 and expenses in connection with the issue of and sale and  
6 registration of the bonds and notes in connection with this  
7 act and the payment of interest arbitrage rebates or proceeds  
8 of such bonds and notes.

9 (c) Temporary financing authorization.--

10 (1) Pending the issuance of bonds of the Commonwealth as  
11 authorized, the issuing officials are hereby authorized, in  
12 accordance with the provisions of this act and on the credit  
13 of the Commonwealth, to make temporary borrowings not to  
14 exceed three years in anticipation of the issue of bonds in  
15 order to provide funds in such amounts as may from time to  
16 time be deemed advisable prior to the issue of bonds. In  
17 order to provide for and in connection with the temporary  
18 borrowings, the issuing officials are hereby authorized in  
19 the name and on behalf of the Commonwealth to enter into any  
20 purchase, loan or credit agreement or agreements or other  
21 agreement or agreements with any banks or trust companies or  
22 other lending institutions, investment banking firms or  
23 persons in the United States having power to enter into the  
24 same, which agreements may contain provisions not  
25 inconsistent with the provisions of this act as may be  
26 authorized by the issuing officials.

27 (2) All temporary borrowings made under the  
28 authorization of this section shall be evidenced by notes of  
29 the Commonwealth which shall be issued from time to time for  
30 amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the applicable

1 statutory and constitutional debt limitation in the form and  
2 in the denominations and subject to terms and conditions of  
3 sale and issue, prepayment or redemption and maturity, rate  
4 or rates of interest and time of payment of interest as the  
5 issuing officials shall authorize and direct and in  
6 accordance with this act. The authorization and direction may  
7 provide for the subsequent issuance of replacement notes to  
8 refund outstanding notes or replacement notes, which  
9 replacement notes shall, upon issuance thereof, evidence the  
10 borrowing and may specify other terms and conditions with  
11 respect to the notes and replacement notes thereby authorized  
12 for issuance as the issuing officials may determine and  
13 direct.

14 (3) When the authorization and direction of the issuing  
15 officials provide for the issuance of replacement notes, the  
16 issuing officials are hereby authorized in the name and on  
17 behalf of the Commonwealth to issue, enter into or authorize  
18 and direct the State Treasurer to enter into agreements with  
19 any banks, trust companies, investment banking firms or other  
20 institutions or persons in the United States having the power  
21 to enter the same:

22 (i) To purchase or underwrite an issue or series of  
23 issues or notes.

24 (ii) To credit, to enter into any purchase, loan or  
25 credit agreements, to draw moneys pursuant to any such  
26 agreements on the terms and conditions set forth therein  
27 and to issue notes as evidence of borrowings made under  
28 any such agreements.

29 (iii) To appoint as issuing and payment agent or  
30 agents with respect to notes.

1           (iv) To do such other acts as may be necessary or  
2           appropriate to provide for the payment, when due, of the  
3           interest on and the principal of such notes. Such  
4           agreements may provide for compensation of any purchasers  
5           or underwriters of notes or replacement notes by  
6           discounting the purchase price of the notes or by payment  
7           of a fixed fee or commission at the time of issuance  
8           thereof, and all other costs and expenses, including fees  
9           for agreements related to the notes, issuing and paying  
10          agent costs and costs and expenses of issuance, may be  
11          paid from the proceeds of the notes.

12          (4) When the authorization and direction of the issuing  
13          officials provide for the issuance of replacement notes, the  
14          State Treasurer shall, at or prior to the time of delivery of  
15          these notes or replacement notes, determine the principal  
16          amounts, dates of issue, interest rate or rates or procedures  
17          for establishing such rates from time to time, rates of  
18          discount, denominations and all other terms and conditions  
19          relating to the issuance and shall perform all acts and  
20          things necessary to pay or cause to be paid, when due, all  
21          principal of and interest on the notes being refunded by  
22          replacement notes and to assure that the same may draw upon  
23          any moneys available for that purpose pursuant to any  
24          purchase, loan or credit agreements established with respect  
25          thereto, all subject to the authorization and direction of  
26          the issuing officials.

27          (5) Outstanding notes evidencing such borrowings may be  
28          funded and retired by the issuance and sale of the bonds of  
29          the Commonwealth as hereinafter authorized. The refunding  
30          bonds must be issued and sold not later than a date three

1 years after the date of issuance of the first notes  
2 evidencing the borrowings to the extent that payment of such  
3 notes has not otherwise been made or provided for by sources  
4 other than proceeds of replacement notes.

5 (6) The proceeds of all such temporary borrowing shall  
6 be paid to the State Treasurer to be held and disposed of in  
7 accordance with the provisions of this act.

8 (d) Debt retirement.--

9 (1) All bonds issued under the authority of this act  
10 shall be redeemed at maturity, together with all interest due  
11 from time to time on the bonds, and these principal and  
12 interest payments shall be paid from the Global War on  
13 Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking Fund, which is  
14 hereby established in the State Treasury. For the specific  
15 purpose of redeeming the bonds at maturity and paying all  
16 interest thereon in accordance with the information received  
17 from the Governor, the General Assembly shall appropriate  
18 moneys to the Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment  
19 Bond Sinking Fund for the payment of interest on the bonds  
20 and notes and the principal thereof at maturity. All moneys  
21 paid into the Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment  
22 Bond Sinking Fund and all of the moneys not necessary to pay  
23 accruing interest shall be invested by the State Treasurer in  
24 such securities as are provided by law for the investment of  
25 the sinking funds of the Commonwealth.

26 (2) The State Treasurer, with the approval of the  
27 Governor, is authorized at any time to use any of the moneys  
28 in the fund not necessary for the purposes of the referendum  
29 authorizing the indebtedness necessary to carry out this act,  
30 for the purchase and retirement of all or any part of the



1 bonds and notes issued pursuant to the authorization of this  
2 act. In the event that all or any part of the bonds and notes  
3 are purchased, they shall be canceled and returned to the  
4 loan and transfer agent as canceled and paid bonds and notes,  
5 and, thereafter, all payments of interest thereon shall  
6 cease. The canceled bonds, notes and coupons, together with  
7 any other canceled bonds, notes and coupons, shall be  
8 destroyed as promptly as possible after cancellation, but not  
9 later than two years after cancellation. A certification  
10 evidencing the destruction of the canceled bonds, notes and  
11 coupons shall be provided by the loan and transfer agent to  
12 the issuing officials. All canceled bonds, notes and coupons  
13 shall be so marked as to make the canceled bonds, notes and  
14 coupons nonnegotiable.

15 (3) The State Treasurer shall determine and report to  
16 the Secretary of the Budget by November 1 of each year the  
17 amount of money necessary for the payment of interest on  
18 outstanding obligations and the principal of the obligations,  
19 if any, for the following fiscal year and the times and  
20 amounts of the payments. It shall be the duty of the Governor  
21 to include in every budget submitted to the General Assembly  
22 full information relating to the issuance of bonds and notes  
23 under the provisions of this act and the status of the Global  
24 War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking Fund of  
25 the Commonwealth for the payment of interest on the bonds and  
26 notes and the principal thereof at maturity.

27 (4) The General Assembly shall appropriate an amount  
28 equal to the sums as may be necessary to meet repayment  
29 obligations for principal and interest for deposit into the  
30 Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking

1 Fund.

2 (e) Expiration.--Authorization to issue bonds and notes, not  
3 including refunding bonds and replacement notes, for the purpose  
4 of this act shall expire ten years from the effective date of  
5 this section.

6 Section 13. Question to be submitted to electorate.

7 (a) Submission of question to electorate.--The question  
8 incurring indebtedness of up to \$40,000,000 for the purposes set  
9 forth in this act shall be submitted to the electors at the next  
10 general election following the effective date of this section.

11 (b) Certification.--The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
12 certify the question to the county boards of elections.

13 (c) Form of question.--The question shall be in  
14 substantially the following form:

15 Do you favor indebtedness by the Commonwealth of up to  
16 \$40,000,000 for the payment of compensation for military  
17 service in the Global War on Terrorism?

18 (d) Election.--The election shall be conducted in accordance  
19 with the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the  
20 Pennsylvania Election Code, except that the time limits for  
21 advertisement of notice of the election may be waived as to the  
22 question.

23 (e) Certification of results.--The Secretary of the  
24 Commonwealth shall certify the results of the question submitted  
25 to the electors and shall publish the certification as a notice  
26 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

27 (f) Proceeds.--Proceeds of the borrowing shall be used for  
28 the payment of compensation for service in the Global War on  
29 Terrorism.

30 Section 14. Appropriations.

1 (a) General rule.--For the purpose of payments to eligible  
2 veterans, staff services, postage and other necessary expenses  
3 incurred by the Adjutant General in the administration of this  
4 act, such sums, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are  
5 specially appropriated to the Adjutant General out of any moneys  
6 which have been deposited in the fund.

7 (b) Continuing appropriation.--The appropriation under  
8 subsection (a) shall be a continuing appropriation and shall not  
9 lapse.

10 Section 15. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect as follows:

12 (1) Section 13 and this section shall take effect in 60  
13 days.

14 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect upon  
15 publication of notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin that the  
16 electors approved the question as provided in section 13(e).