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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Militia - Honor Guard at Burial Service of Veteran**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Adjutant General to order an honor guard from the  
4 National Guard or the organized militia to attend the burial service of a certain  
5 veteran under certain circumstances; requiring the Adjutant General to request  
6 an honor guard from a certain veterans' organization to attend the burial service  
7 of a certain veteran under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to  
8 adopt regulations to implement this Act; providing for the composition of the  
9 honor guard; requiring the Adjutant General to compensate the honor guard at  
10 a certain rate from a certain fund; and generally relating to militia and an honor  
11 guard at the burial service of a certain veteran.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article 65 - Militia  
14 Section 6  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article 65 - Militia**

20 6.

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
22 INDICATED.

23 (2) "VETERAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

24 (I) SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
25 UNITED STATES;

26 (II) SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND DIED  
27 WHILE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD; OR

1 (III) SERVED IN THE NATIONAL GUARD FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS.

2 (3) "NATIONAL GUARD" MEANS THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, THE AIR  
3 NATIONAL GUARD, OR THE NAVAL MILITIA OF THE STATE.

4 (B) (1) IF THE COMMANDER OF AN ACCREDITED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION  
5 OR A FRIEND OR RELATIVE OF A DECEASED VETERAN REQUESTS, THE ADJUTANT  
6 GENERAL SHALL ORDER A UNIFORMED HONOR GUARD FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD  
7 OR THE ORGANIZED MILITIA TO ATTEND THE BURIAL SERVICE OF A DECEASED  
8 VETERAN.

9 (2) IF AN HONOR GUARD FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD OR THE  
10 ORGANIZED MILITIA IS NOT AVAILABLE OR IS COMMITTED ELSEWHERE, THE  
11 ADJUTANT GENERAL SHALL REQUEST AN HONOR GUARD FROM A VETERANS'  
12 ORGANIZATION TO ATTEND THE BURIAL SERVICE OF A DECEASED VETERAN.

13 (C) THE HONOR GUARD SHALL PERFORM AS A MILITARY HONOR GUARD AND  
14 A SQUAD TO FIRE VOLLEYS AT THE BURIAL SERVICE OF A DECEASED VETERAN.

15 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.

16 (E) THE HONOR GUARD SHALL CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE RIFLE  
17 BEARERS AND A BUGLER.

18 (F) (1) THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SHALL COMPENSATE THE HONOR GUARD  
19 FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR THE COMPENSATION  
20 OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

21 (2) COMPENSATION SHALL BE AT THE RATE OF 75 PERCENT OF 1 DAY'S  
22 BASIC PAY; HOWEVER, THE COMPENSATION MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$15 NOR MORE  
23 THAN \$30 PER DAY.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 1998.