

(PRE-FILED)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Militia - Honor Guard - Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain minimum compensation for members of an
4 honor guard organized by the Adjutant General to attend the burial service of a
5 deceased veteran; and generally relating to members of an honor guard
6 organized by the Adjutant General to attend the burial service of a deceased
7 veteran.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 65 - Militia
10 Section 6
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 65 - Militia**

16 6.

17 (a) (1) The Adjutant General may organize a uniformed honor guard from
18 the National Guard or the organized militia to attend the burial service of a deceased
19 veteran if:

20 (i) The commander of an accredited veterans' organization or a
21 friend or relative of the deceased veteran requests an honor guard to attend the burial
22 service;

23 (ii) A uniformed honor guard from the active armed forces or
24 veterans' organization is not available; and

25 (iii) The Adjutant General determines that provision of an honor
26 guard will not have a detrimental effect on the readiness of the National Guard in the

1 event of a State or federal emergency or the employment of a National Guard
2 member.

3 (2) If an honor guard from the active armed forces is not available, the
4 Adjutant General may request an honor guard from a veterans' organization to attend
5 the burial service of a deceased veteran.

6 (b) Reasonable compensation of honor guard members shall be set by the
7 Adjutant General, but not to exceed THE GREATER OF:

8 (1) 75% of 1 day's basic pay, plus other expenses incurred to participate
9 in the burial service of a deceased veteran; OR

10 (2) THE MINIMUM WAGE REQUIRED UNDER § 3-414 OF THE LABOR AND
11 EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE, PLUS OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
12 BURIAL SERVICE OF A DECEASED VETERAN.

13 (c) The Adjutant General shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2000.