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CHAPTER _____

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 compensation for members of an
6 honor guard organized by the Adjutant General to attend the burial service of a
7 deceased 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:

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

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

6 (iii) The Adjutant General determines that provision of an honor
7 guard will not have a detrimental effect on the readiness of the National Guard in the
8 event of a State or federal emergency or the employment of a National Guard
9 member.

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

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

15 (1) 75% of 1 day's basic pay, plus other expenses incurred to participate
16 in the burial service of a deceased veteran; OR

17 (2) THE MINIMUM WAGE REQUIRED UNDER § ~~3-414~~ 3-413 OF THE LABOR
18 AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE, PLUS OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED TO PARTICIPATE IN
19 THE BURIAL SERVICE OF A DECEASED VETERAN.

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

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