



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 404

HOUSE BILL NO. 1072

**By Representatives Haston, Littleton, Hurt, White, Warner, Stevens, Slater, Bulso, Brock Martin, Raper, Leatherwood, Greg Martin, Hale, Moody, Cepicky, Moon, Lamberth, Grills, Barrett, Doggett, Boyd, Camper, Carringer, Ragan, Faison, Russell, Parkinson, Whitson, Wright, Campbell, Butler, Rudder, Terry, Beck, Bricken, Chism, Powell, Alexander, Holsclaw, Curtis Johnson, Jernigan, Powers, Eldridge, Sherrell, Hulsey, Hawk, Capley, Howell, Lafferty, Williams, Sparks, Davis, Todd, Reedy**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1046**

**By Senators Jackson, Lowe, Walley, Yager, Yarbrow, Akbari, Crowe, Massey, Niceley, Rose, Stevens**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 25; Title 46, Chapter 6 and Title 58, relative to funeral honors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 25, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department of veterans services shall establish and administer an honor guard grant program. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to veteran service organizations registered with the secretary of state to offset expenses incurred by the organization and members of the organization's honor guard in providing honor guard burial details at the funerals of qualifying Tennessee veterans, including expenses for training, transportation, food, equipment, and supplies.

(b) The grant fund is subject to appropriations by the general assembly and gifts, grants, and other donations received by the department for the grant fund. It is the legislative intent that the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be appropriated in fiscal year 2023-2024 in the general appropriations act for awarding grants from the fund.

(c) Subject to the availability of funds, the department shall allocate and disperse grants each fiscal year to nonprofit veteran service organizations. The commissioner of veterans services is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, codified in title 4, chapter 5.

(d) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Veteran" means a decedent who is eligible to receive a military funeral honors ceremony pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, Public Law 106-65; and

(2) "Veteran service organization" means an association, corporation, or other entity that aids and serves veterans, servicemembers, and dependents, and that is a § 501(c)(19) organization that is exempt from taxation under § 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, codified in 26 U.S.C. § 501(a), a federally chartered veterans' service corporation, or a veterans' affairs office or agency established by state law.

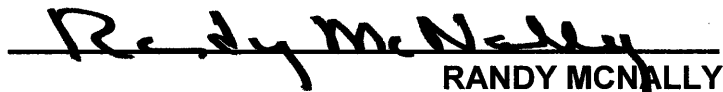
SECTION 2. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect January 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR