



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1129

LCO No. 4795



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLICATION OF VETERANS' OBITUARIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is established an
2 account to be known as the "obituary assistance account", which shall
3 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account
4 shall contain (1) any amounts appropriated or otherwise made available
5 by the state for the purposes of the account, (2) any moneys required by
6 law to be deposited in the account, and (3) gifts, grants, donations or
7 bequests made for the purposes of the account. Moneys in the account
8 shall be expended by the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for the
9 purposes of providing assistance to surviving family members of
10 deceased veterans for costs associated with the publication of obituaries
11 for such deceased veterans. The commissioner shall, within available
12 appropriations, develop an application process and eligibility criteria
13 for such assistance and establish guidelines for the administration of the
14 account. As used in this section, "veteran" has the same meaning as
15 provided in section 27-103 of the general statutes, and "family member"

16 means a spouse, child, parent or sibling.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an account for the purposes of providing assistance to surviving family members of deceased veterans for costs associated with the publication of obituaries for such deceased veterans.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]