

# HOUSE BILL No. 5550

April 13, 2016, Introduced by Rep. Hughes and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 1899 PA 214, entitled

"An act to provide relief outside of the soldiers' home for honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and members of women's auxiliaries and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and members of women's auxiliaries, and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 35.21), as amended by 1984 PA 168.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. The county board of commissioners of each county shall  
2 annually levy ~~—~~a tax, not exceeding 1/10 of a mill on each dollar,  
3 to be levied and collected as provided by law, upon the taxable  
4 property of each township and city, for their respective counties,  
5 for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably  
6 discharged indigent members of the ~~army, navy, air force, marine~~  
7 ~~corps, coast guard,~~ **ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, COAST**  
8 **GUARD,** and women's auxiliaries ~~of all wars or military expeditions~~  
9 ~~in which the United States of America has been, is, or may~~

House Bill No. 5550 as amended April 28, 2016

1 hereafter be, a participant as prescribed in section 1 of Act No.  
2 190 of the Public Acts of 1965, being section 35.61 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, [

4 ] and the indigent spouses, minor children, and parents of  
5 each such indigent or deceased member [ **WHO SERVED DURING A PERIOD OF WAR  
AS DESCRIBED IN 38 CFR 3.2, EXCEPT THAT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,  
"PERIOD OF WAR" FOR THE VIETNAM ERA MEANS THE FOLLOWING:**

(A) FEBRUARY 28, 1961 THROUGH MAY 7, 1975 FOR A VETERAN WHO SERVED  
DURING THAT PERIOD.

(B) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 31, 1955 IN AN AREA OF HAZARDOUS DUTY FOR  
WHICH THE VETERAN RECEIVED AN ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL OR VIETNAM  
SERVICE MEDAL.] Funds raised in accordance

6 with the provisions of this section may be expended for the relief  
7 of indigent wives and children of active duty soldiers, sailors,  
8 marines, airmen, coast guardsmen, nurses, and members of the  
9 women's auxiliaries during the continuance of present hostilities  
10 and prior to their discharge. However, in any year which, in the  
11 opinion of the board, an emergency justifying the same exists, the  
12 board may appropriate a sum not to exceed 2/10 of a mill on each  
13 dollar for said purpose. **THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.** The sums,  
14 **MONEY**, when collected, shall be paid to the county treasurer of the  
15 county where such **THE** tax is levied in each of the counties in this  
16 state, to be paid out by the treasurer upon the order of the  
17 soldiers' relief commission ~~and~~ **IF** signed by the chairperson and  
18 secretary of the commission. If any money in the fund is not  
19 necessary for the purpose for which it was raised, the money shall  
20 remain in the treasury of the county as a soldiers' relief fund,  
21 and shall be considered in raising future sums ~~therefor~~. **FOR THIS**  
22 **PURPOSE.**

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
24 after the date it is enacted into law.

25 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
26 unless House Bill No. 5332 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into

27 law.