

# 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~~

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,~~ **WHO SERVED DURING A PERIOD OF WAR AS DESCRIBED IN 38**  
 4 **CFR 3.2,** and the indigent spouses, minor children, and parents of  
 5 each ~~such~~ indigent or deceased member. 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 ~~only~~ **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.