

No. 99

AN ACT

HB 405

Amending the act of July 18, 1968 (Act No. 183), entitled "An act providing compensation to certain persons who served in the military, naval or air forces of the United States or of any of her allies during the Vietnam Conflict; providing the method of making payment to representatives of persons who, because of death or incapacity, cannot personally receive compensation; imposing certain duties on the Adjutant General; making an appropriation and providing penalties," further regulating eligibility for compensation and payment thereof.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 3 and 14, act of July 18, 1968 (Act No. 183), known as the "Vietnam Conflict Veterans' Compensation Act," are amended to read:

Section 3. Computation of Compensation.—Compensation shall be payable under this act only to any veteran who was a legal resident of this Commonwealth. Compensation shall be computed on the basis of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for every month, or major fraction thereof, of active service in Vietnam theatre of operations as defined for the award of the Vietnam Service Medal, *or spent in military hospitals as a result of service-connected wounds, diseases, or injuries, sustained or acquired in such Vietnam theatre of operations.* The compensation of a veteran who died in the active armed forces duty in the Vietnam theatre of operations or as a result of disease, wound, or injury incurred in the Vietnam theatre of operations shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000). No veteran, except a veteran who died in active military, naval or air service during the period set forth in section 2 of this act shall be entitled to receive compensation under this act in a sum to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

Section 14. Payment.—(a) The compensation payable under this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer from the Vietnam Conflict Veterans' Compensation Fund, to be created with funds realized from a proposed bond issue, if and when approved pursuant to Article VIII, section 7 (a) (3) of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, upon requisition by the Adjutant General.

(b) Payments under this act shall be made as soon as possible after funds thereof are available.

(c) *Compensation paid for hospitalization under section 3 hereof spent in military hospitals outside of the Vietnam theatre of operations shall be paid from the Vietnam Conflict Veterans' Compensation Fund, if and when approved by the electorate.*

Section 2. The question of whether the debt of two million dollars

(\$2,000,000), shall be incurred for the purpose of paying compensation for hospitalization as provided in this amendatory act, shall be submitted to the electors at the next Statewide election to be held in this Commonwealth after the question has been published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in at least two newspapers in every county where two are published, which publications shall occur two months before the said elections.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of October, A. D. 1969.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 99.



Louis L. Kelly
Secretary of the Commonwealth.