

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6011

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR

Title: MILITARY FUNERAL HONOR GUARD DETAIL COMPENSATION.

Vote Date: 2/16/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/7/2023

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' & Military Affairs Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill establishes a personal income tax deduction for compensation received for performing honor guard duties for funerals.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None submitted

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Representative Mark DeCaprio, 48th District, Connecticut General Assembly:](#)

There are 12 Military Honor Guard Squads in Connecticut that provide "Military Honors" to departed veterans across the state. This is a great service that is provided for our recently departed veterans. Passing this legislation will allow squad members to have the reimbursement funds as well as the ability to offset some of the costs necessary for all expenses they incur, which are many, and are listed in written testimony. Examples of expenses that Honor Guard Squads and members incur: • Travel expenses to and from each funeral • Rifle maintenance, cleaning, and repairs • Purchase and maintain a personal weapons grade safe • Purchase and maintain trigger locks to safely store and transport rifles • Purchase of ammunition • Batteries for bugles • Replacement of cloth bags which are used to present expended brass to the veteran's family Honor Guard members are expected to purchase and maintain their uniform. Uniform parts can include: • Maintain and cleaning of

uniforms used by Honor Guard members (explained below) • Military style hat • Uniform shirts (2) • Uniform trousers (2) • Military belt and buckle • Black military style shoes • A military style rain/overcoat with liner • A military style black sweater with epaulets • Several pairs of white gloves Maintenance of the uniform must be done monthly (more often in hot weather) in order to maintain the proper appearance. This includes: • Laundry cost for military pressing of the two shirts • Cleaning and pressing of uniform trousers • Black polish for military shoes • Dry cleaning of the military sweater • Dry cleaning of the rain/overcoat and liner
This bill is a way to express our lasting gratitude to the sacrifices that our Veterans made to defend our country so that we can live free.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None submitted

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