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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 416, L.D. 537, Bill, "An Act to Require the State to Pay for Veterans' Obituaries and State Flags"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§508." by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 15 to 18 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Obituary and flag. The department shall make payment for the entire cost of the obituary printed in this State for an eligible veteran to whoever paid for this notice. The department shall also make payment for the entire cost of a flag graphic to be included with the obituary on behalf of the deceased eligible veteran.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF		
Veterans Services		
Positions	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$21,454	\$30,776

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2	All Other	122,947	128,542
4	Provides funds for one Clerk		
6	Typist II position and		
8	related costs associated with		
	paying for obituaries that		
	include a flag graphic for		
	eligible deceased veterans.		

10 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,**
 12 **VETERANS AND EMERGENCY**
 14 **MANAGEMENT**
 16 **TOTAL**

	\$144,401	\$159,318'
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16 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
 18 summary the following:

20 **'FISCAL NOTE**

	2001-02	2002-03
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22 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

24	General Fund	\$144,401	\$159,318
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26 This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling
 28 \$144,401 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$159,318 in fiscal year
 30 2002-03 to provide for the cost of obituary notices on behalf of
 eligible deceased veterans.

32 This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$120,000
 and \$127,500 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively,
 34 for the Veterans Services program within the Department of
 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the cost of
 36 obituaries that include a flag graphic for eligible deceased
 veterans.

38 This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of
 40 \$24,401 and \$31,818 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03,
 respectively, for the Veterans Services program for a Clerk
 42 Typist II position and associated operating costs to administer
 the program.'

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SUMMARY

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4 This amendment changes the original bill by requiring the
6 State to pay the cost of obituaries that include a flag graphic
on behalf of eligible veterans. It also clarifies that this
requirement is applied to obituaries printed in the State. It
also adds a fiscal note to the bill.