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No. 537

H.P. 416

House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

**An Act to Require the State to Pay for Veterans' Obituaries and State
Flags.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, COTE of Lewiston, FISHER of Brewer, NORBERT
of Portland, PERRY of Bangor, SCHNEIDER of Durham, THOMAS of Orono, TUTTLE of
Sanford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §508 is enacted to read:

§508. Veterans' obituaries and flags

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Eligible veteran" means a person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, was honorably discharged and was a resident of this State at the time of death.

2. Obituary and flag. The department shall make payment for the entire cost of the obituary for an eligible veteran to whomever paid for this notice. The department shall also provide a state flag on behalf of the deceased eligible veteran.

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		

All Other	\$126,000	\$168,000
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Appropriates funds to cover the cost of the obituary and a state flag for each veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, was honorably discharged and was a resident of this State at the time of death.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the cost of the obituary notices and state flags on behalf of deceased eligible veterans.