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AN ACT

1 Providing for bonus payments to persons in active service in
2 connection with the Global War on Terrorism or their
3 beneficiaries; authorizing the incurring of indebtedness and
4 the issue and sale of bonds by the Commonwealth for the
5 payment of the benefits contingent upon electorate approval;
6 establishing a special fund in the State Treasury to be known
7 as the Global War on Terrorism Bonus Payment Bond Fund; and
8 imposing powers and duties on the Department of General
9 Services.

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

12 Section 1. Short title.

13 This act shall be known and may be cited the as the Global
14 War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Act.

15 Section 2. Definitions.

16 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
17 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
18 context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Active duty." For a member of a component of the armed
20 forces of the United States, the time served on active duty for

1 which the member has received the Global War on Terrorism
2 Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal or the Afghanistan
3 Campaign Medal for service related to the Global War on
4 Terrorism. The term includes time spent in hospitals as a result
5 of service-connected wounds, diseases or injuries sustained on
6 active service. Proof of such service shall be the official
7 military records of the United States or such other evidence as
8 is deemed sufficient by the Adjutant General. The term does not
9 include time served on active duty for annual training or
10 schooling.

11 "Fund." The Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment
12 Bond Fund established in this act.

13 "Issuing officials." The Governor, the Auditor General and
14 the State Treasurer.

15 "Global War on Terrorism." Military efforts in the United
16 States and abroad directly resulting from the terrorist attacks
17 on the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and the airplane that
18 went down in Somerset County on September 11, 2001. For the
19 purposes of this act, the Global War on Terrorism shall be
20 deemed to have ended when military efforts cease as ordered by
21 the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces.

22 "Legal resident of this Commonwealth." A member of the
23 United States Armed Forces, a reserve component of the United
24 States Armed Forces or the Pennsylvania National Guard whose
25 place of enlistment was Pennsylvania, whose home of record upon
26 discharge was Pennsylvania or whose current primary residence is
27 Pennsylvania. The proof of such residence shall be the official
28 records of the United States or such other evidence as is deemed
29 sufficient by the Adjutant General.

30 "Veteran." A member of the armed forces of the United

1 States, including a member of the Army National Guard of the
2 United States, the Air National Guard of the United States or a
3 reserve component of the armed forces, who was ordered into or
4 volunteered to serve on active duty and was deployed overseas in
5 direct service to the Global War on Terrorism operations. This
6 term shall not include:

7 (1) any individual who, at any time during the Global
8 War on Terrorism or thereafter, was separated from the armed
9 forces under other than honorable conditions; and

10 (2) any individual who has renounced his United States
11 citizenship.

12 Section 3. Bonus payment.

13 (a) Eligibility.--A bonus payment of \$500 shall be made to
14 each veteran who was or is a legal resident of this Commonwealth
15 and is determined to be eligible under this act.

16 (b) Exclusion from bonus payment.--Any individual who has
17 received a bonus, gratuity or bonus payment of a nature similar
18 to that provided for by this act from any other state in the
19 United States is ineligible for payment under this act. This
20 exclusion does not apply to a similar bonus, gratuity or bonus
21 payment from the Federal Government.

22 Section 4. Application for bonus payment.

23 (a) Application to Adjutant General.--Applications for bonus
24 payments under this act shall be made by a veteran, the facility
25 entitled under section 5(a) or the beneficiaries designated
26 under section 5(b) on a form provided by the Adjutant General.
27 The Adjutant General shall ascertain the applicants who are
28 eligible to receive a bonus payment under this act.

29 (b) Time for filing application.--Applications may be filed
30 by a veteran who was discharged or released from service under

1 honorable conditions or by a veteran who completed an initial
2 term of enlistment or qualifying period of service. The Adjutant
3 General shall not accept or consider any application filed five
4 years after the cessation of the Global War on Terrorism.

5 (c) Payment.--Every applicant shall designate in the
6 application the person or entity to whom payment under this act
7 shall be made.

8 Section 5. Persons to whom payments shall be made in case of
9 incompetence or death.

10 (a) Incompetence.--In a case where the veteran is
11 incompetent, if no guardian has been appointed, payment shall be
12 made for the benefit of the veteran to the person who is
13 entitled to payment under subsection (b) or, in the absence of
14 any such person and if the veteran is in a facility, to the
15 person in charge of the facility to be expended for the clothing
16 and incidental needs of the veteran. No part of the payment to
17 any facility shall be used for the maintenance of the veteran. A
18 statement from the person in charge of the facility in which the
19 veteran resides shall be evidence to determine the competence of
20 the veteran.

21 (b) Death.--In the case of the death of a veteran, payment
22 shall be made, in the order named, to the:

23 (1) surviving spouse unless the spouse was living
24 separate and apart from the veteran at the time of departure
25 for active service;

26 (2) surviving children, share and share alike; or

27 (3) surviving parents.

28 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
29 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
30 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1 "Facility." A mental health establishment, hospital, clinic,
2 institution, center, day-care center, base service unit,
3 community mental health center or other organizational unit or
4 part thereof which is devoted primarily to the diagnosis,
5 treatment, care, rehabilitation or detention of mentally
6 disabled persons.

7 "Parents." The term includes persons who, for a period of
8 not less than one year, acted in the capacity of a foster parent
9 to a veteran immediately prior to the veteran having attained 18
10 years of age.

11 Section 6. Applicant to designate beneficiaries.

12 Every person making application for payment under this act
13 shall state in the application the names and addresses of all
14 persons who, under this act, would be entitled to receive
15 payment in the event of the death of the applicant. If the
16 applicant dies before the payment, the application shall be
17 deemed to inure to the benefit of the person next entitled and
18 payment shall be made to the person upon proof of identity
19 satisfactory to the Adjutant General. If no person designated in
20 this act as being entitled to payment survives the veteran, the
21 right to the payment shall cease.

22 Section 7. Exemption from attachment.

23 No sum payable under this act to a veteran or to any other
24 person under this act shall be subject to attachment, levy or
25 seizure under any legal or equitable process and shall be exempt
26 from all State taxation. No right to payment under this act
27 shall be assignable, except as otherwise provided in this act,
28 or shall serve as a security for any loan. Any assignment or
29 loan made in violation of this section shall be void.

30 Assignments to any incorporated or unincorporated organization

1 of veterans, any nonprofit corporation formed solely for the
2 purpose of aiding disabled or incapacitated veterans and the
3 State Veterans' Commission shall be valid.

4 Section 8. Penalty for charging fees for assisting veterans.

5 A person who charges or collects or attempts to charge or
6 collect, either directly or indirectly, any fee or other
7 compensation for assisting, in any manner, a veteran in
8 obtaining any of the benefits provided under this act commits a
9 misdemeanor of the second degree.

10 Section 9. Administration of program.

11 The Adjutant General shall:

12 (1) Administer the program authorized by this act. For
13 that purpose, application forms shall be prepared and
14 distributed, applications shall be investigated, and, if
15 satisfied of the proof of an application, shall be approved
16 and payment shall be made.

17 (2) As soon as practicable after the effective date of
18 this section, prepare and distribute a digest explaining the
19 provisions of this act to assist veterans in filing their
20 applications and shall from time to time prepare and
21 distribute additional or supplementary information as may be
22 found necessary.

23 (3) Enlist, as far as possible, the services of veteran
24 organizations in this Commonwealth in the dissemination of
25 the information specified in paragraph (2).

26 (4) Promulgate rules and regulations to implement,
27 administer and enforce this act.

28 Section 10. Funding source of bonus payments.

29 The amounts payable under this act shall, upon requisition by
30 the Adjutant General, be paid by the State Treasurer from the

1 fund to be created with funds realized from a proposed bond
2 issue. Payments shall be made as soon as possible after funds
3 are available.

4 Section 11. The Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment
5 Bond Fund.

6 (a) Purpose of fund.--The Global War on Terrorism Veterans'
7 Bonus Payment Bond Fund is established in the State Treasury.
8 The fund shall be the source from which all payments are
9 authorized with the approval of the Governor to carry out the
10 purposes of this act. The money in the fund shall only be
11 utilized:

12 (1) For the purpose of providing bonus payments to
13 veterans in accordance with the provisions of this act.

14 (2) For the administrative costs incurred in any of the
15 purposes in paragraph (1), including the costs incurred in
16 connection with the issuance of the bonds.

17 (b) Interfund transfers authorized.--

18 (1) Whenever the cash balance and the current estimated
19 receipts of the fund shall be insufficient at any time during
20 any State fiscal year to meet promptly the obligations of the
21 Commonwealth from such fund, the State Treasurer is
22 authorized and directed, from time to time during such fiscal
23 year, to transfer from the General Fund to the fund such sums
24 as the Governor directs, but in no case less than the amount
25 necessary to meet promptly the obligations to be paid from
26 the fund nor more than an amount which is the smallest of:

27 (i) the difference between the amount of debt
28 authorized to be issued under the authority of this act
29 and the aggregate principal amount of bonds and notes
30 issued, not including refunding bonds and replacement

1 notes; and

2 (ii) the difference between the aggregate principal
3 amount of bonds and notes to be issued during a State
4 fiscal year and the aggregate principal amount of bonds
5 and notes, not including refunding bonds and replacement
6 notes, issued during such State fiscal year.

7 Any sums so transferred shall be available only for the
8 purposes for which funds are appropriated from the fund. The
9 transfers shall be made under this section upon warrant of
10 the State Treasurer upon requisition of the Governor.

11 (2) In order to reimburse the General Fund for money
12 transferred from such funds under paragraph (1), there shall
13 be transferred to the General Fund from the fund money from
14 the proceeds obtained from bonds and notes issued under the
15 authority of this act or from other available funds in such
16 amounts and at such times as the Governor shall direct. The
17 retransfers shall be made upon warrant of the State Treasurer
18 upon requisition of the Governor.

19 Section 12. Commonwealth indebtedness.

20 (a) Borrowing authorized.--

21 (1) If and when the electorate approves a referendum
22 question for the incurring of indebtedness in the amount and
23 for the purposes prescribed in this act, the issuing
24 officials, under the provisions of section 7(a)(3) of Article
25 VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, are authorized and
26 directed to borrow, on the credit of the Commonwealth, money
27 not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$30,000,000, not
28 including money borrowed to refund outstanding bonds, notes
29 or replacement notes, as may be found necessary to carry out
30 the purposes of this act.

1 (2) As evidence of the indebtedness, general obligation
2 bonds of the Commonwealth shall be issued from time to time
3 to provide money necessary to carry out the purposes of this
4 act for such total amounts, in such form, in such
5 denominations and subject to such terms and conditions of
6 issue, redemption and maturity, rate of interest and time of
7 payment of interest as the issuing officials direct, except
8 that the latest stated maturity date shall not exceed 20
9 years from the date of the first obligation issued to
10 evidence the debt.

11 (3) All bonds and notes issued under the authority of
12 this act shall bear facsimile signatures of the issuing
13 officials and a facsimile of the Great Seal of the
14 Commonwealth and shall be countersigned by a duly authorized
15 officer of a duly authorized loan and transfer agent of the
16 Commonwealth.

17 (4) All bonds and notes issued in accordance with the
18 provisions of this section shall be direct obligations of the
19 Commonwealth, and the full faith and credit of the
20 Commonwealth is pledged for the payment of the interest
21 thereon, as it becomes due, and the payment of the principal
22 at maturity. The principal of and interest on the bonds and
23 notes shall be payable in lawful money of the United States.

24 (5) All bonds and notes issued under the provisions of
25 this section shall be exempt from taxation for State and
26 local purposes.

27 (6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or
28 registered as to both principal and interest as the issuing
29 officials may determine. If interest coupons are attached,
30 they shall contain the facsimile signature of the State

1 Treasurer.

2 (7) The issuing officials shall provide for the
3 amortization of the bonds in substantial and regular amounts
4 over the term of the debt so that the bonds of each issue
5 allocated to the programs to be funded from the bond issue
6 shall mature within a period not to exceed the appropriate
7 amortization period for each program as specified by the
8 issuing officials, but in no case in excess of 20 years. The
9 first retirement of principal shall be stated to mature prior
10 to the expiration of a period of time equal to one-tenth of
11 the time from the date of the first obligation issued to
12 evidence the debt to the date of the expiration of the term
13 of the debt. Retirements of principal shall be regular and
14 substantial if made in annual or semiannual amounts whether
15 by stated serial maturities or by mandatory sinking fund
16 retirements.

17 (8) The issuing officials are authorized to provide by
18 resolution for the issuance of refunding bonds for the
19 purpose of refunding any debt issued under the provisions of
20 this act and then outstanding, either by voluntary exchange
21 with the holders of the outstanding debt or providing funds
22 to redeem and retire the outstanding debt with accrued
23 interest, any premium payable thereon and the costs of
24 issuance and retirement of the debt, at maturity or at any
25 call date. The issuance of the refunding bonds, the
26 maturities and other details thereof, the rights of the
27 holders thereof and the duties of the issuing official in
28 respect thereto shall be governed by the provisions of this
29 section insofar as they may be applicable. Refunding bonds,
30 which are not subject to the aggregate limitation of

1 \$30,000,000 of debt to be issued under this act, may be
2 issued by the issuing officials to refund debt originally
3 issued or to refund bonds previously issued for refunding
4 purposes.

5 (9) Whenever any action is to be taken or decision made
6 by the Governor, the Auditor General and the State Treasurer,
7 acting as issuing officials, and the three officers are not
8 able unanimously to agree, the action or decision of the
9 Governor and either the Auditor General or the State
10 Treasurer shall be binding and final.

11 (b) Sale of bonds.--

12 (1) Whenever bonds are issued, they shall be offered for
13 sale at not less than 98% of the principal amount and accrued
14 interest and shall be sold by the issuing officials to the
15 highest and best bidder or bidders after due public
16 advertisement on the terms and conditions and upon such open
17 competitive bidding as the issuing officials shall direct.
18 The manner and character of the advertisement and the time of
19 advertising shall be prescribed by the issuing officials. No
20 commission shall be allowed or paid for the sale of any bonds
21 issued under the authority of this act.

22 (2) Any portion of any bond issue so offered and not
23 sold or subscribed for at public sale may be disposed of by
24 private sale by the issuing officials in such manner and at
25 such prices, not less than 98% of the principal amount and
26 accrued interest, as the Governor shall direct. No commission
27 shall be allowed or paid for the sale of any bonds issued
28 under the authority of this act.

29 (3) When bonds are issued from time to time, the bonds
30 of each issue shall constitute a separate series to be

1 designated by the issuing officials or may be combined for
2 sale as one series with other general obligation bonds of the
3 Commonwealth.

4 (4) Until permanent bonds can be prepared, the issuing
5 officials may, in their discretion, issue, in lieu of
6 permanent bonds, temporary bonds in such form and with such
7 privileges as to registration and exchange for permanent
8 bonds as may be determined by the issuing officials.

9 (5) The proceeds realized from the sale of bonds and
10 notes, except refunding bonds and replacement notes, under
11 the provisions of this act shall be paid into the fund. The
12 proceeds shall be paid by the State Treasurer periodically to
13 those Commonwealth officers and Commonwealth agencies
14 authorized to expend them at such times and in such amounts
15 as may be necessary to satisfy the funding needs thereof. The
16 proceeds of the sale of refunding bonds and replacement notes
17 shall be paid to the State Treasurer and applied to the
18 payment of principal, the accrued interest and premium, if
19 any, and cost of redemption of the bonds and notes for which
20 the obligations shall have been issued.

21 (6) Pending their application for the purposes
22 authorized, money held or deposited by the State Treasurer
23 may be invested or reinvested as are other funds in the
24 custody of the State Treasurer in the manner provided by law.
25 All earnings received from the investment or deposit of the
26 funds shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of
27 the fund. The earnings in excess of bond discounts allowed,
28 expenses paid for the issuance of bonds and notes and
29 interest arbitrage rebates due to the Federal Government
30 shall be transferred annually to the fund. Any interest or

1 investment income shall be applied to assist in the payment
2 of the debt service incurred in connection with this act.

3 (7) The Auditor General shall prepare the necessary
4 registry book to be kept in the office of the duly authorized
5 loan and transfer agent of the Commonwealth for the
6 registration of any bonds, at the request of owners thereof,
7 according to the terms and conditions of issue directed by
8 the issuing officials.

9 (8) There is appropriated to the State Treasurer from
10 the fund as much money as may be necessary for all costs and
11 expenses in connection with the issue of and sale and
12 registration of the bonds and notes in connection with this
13 act and the payment of interest arbitrage rebates or proceeds
14 of such bonds and notes.

15 (c) Temporary financing authorization.--

16 (1) Pending the issuance of bonds of the Commonwealth as
17 authorized, the issuing officials are authorized, in
18 accordance with the provisions of this act and on the credit
19 of the Commonwealth, to make temporary borrowings not to
20 exceed three years in anticipation of the issue of bonds in
21 order to provide funds in such amounts as may from time to
22 time be deemed advisable prior to the issue of bonds. In
23 order to provide for and in connection with the temporary
24 borrowings, the issuing officials are authorized in the name
25 and on behalf of the Commonwealth to enter into any purchase,
26 loan, credit or other agreement or agreements with any banks
27 or trust companies or other lending institutions, investment
28 banking firms or persons in the United States having power to
29 enter into the same, which agreements may contain provisions
30 not inconsistent with the provisions of this act as may be

1 authorized by the issuing officials.

2 (2) All temporary borrowings made under the
3 authorization of this section shall be evidenced by notes of
4 the Commonwealth which shall be issued from time to time for
5 amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the applicable
6 statutory and constitutional debt limitation in the form and
7 in the denominations and subject to terms and conditions of
8 sale and issue, prepayment or redemption and maturity, rate
9 or rates of interest and time of payment of interest as the
10 issuing officials shall authorize and direct and in
11 accordance with this act. The authorization and direction may
12 provide for the subsequent issuance of replacement notes to
13 refund outstanding notes or replacement notes, which
14 replacement notes shall, upon issuance thereof, evidence the
15 borrowing and may specify other terms and conditions with
16 respect to the notes and replacement notes thereby authorized
17 for issuance as the issuing officials may determine and
18 direct.

19 (3) When the authorization and direction of the issuing
20 officials provide for the issuance of replacement notes, the
21 issuing officials are authorized in the name and on behalf of
22 the Commonwealth to issue, enter into or authorize and direct
23 the State Treasurer to enter into agreements with any banks,
24 trust companies, investment banking firms or other
25 institutions or persons in the United States having the power
26 to enter the same:

27 (i) To purchase or underwrite an issue or series of
28 issues or notes.

29 (ii) To credit, to enter into any purchase, loan or
30 credit agreements, to draw money pursuant to any such

1 agreements on the terms and conditions set forth therein
2 and to issue notes as evidence of borrowings made under
3 any such agreements.

4 (iii) To appoint as issuing and payment agent or
5 agents with respect to notes.

6 (iv) To do such other acts as may be necessary or
7 appropriate to provide for the payment, when due, of the
8 interest on and the principal of such notes. Such
9 agreements may provide for the compensation of any
10 purchasers or underwriters of notes or replacement notes
11 by discounting the purchase price of the notes or by
12 payment of a fixed fee or commission at the time of
13 issuance thereof, and all other costs and expenses,
14 including fees for agreements related to the notes,
15 issuing and paying agent costs and costs and expenses of
16 issuance, may be paid from the proceeds of the notes.

17 (4) When the authorization and direction of the issuing
18 officials provide for the issuance of replacement notes, the
19 State Treasurer shall, at or prior to the time of delivery of
20 these notes or replacement notes, determine the principal
21 amounts, dates of issue, interest rate or rates or procedures
22 for establishing such rates from time to time, rates of
23 discount, denominations and all other terms and conditions
24 relating to the issuance and shall perform all acts and
25 things necessary to pay or cause to be paid, when due, all
26 principal of and interest on the notes being refunded by
27 replacement notes and to assure that the same may draw upon
28 any money available for that purpose pursuant to any
29 purchase, loan or credit agreements established with respect
30 thereto, all subject to the authorization and direction of

1 the issuing officials.

2 (5) Outstanding notes evidencing such borrowings may be
3 funded and retired by the issuance and sale of the bonds of
4 the Commonwealth as hereinafter authorized. The refunding
5 bonds must be issued and sold not later than a date three
6 years after the date of issuance of the first notes
7 evidencing the borrowings to the extent that payment of such
8 notes has not otherwise been made or provided for by sources
9 other than proceeds of replacement notes.

10 (6) The proceeds of all such temporary borrowing shall
11 be paid to the State Treasurer to be held and disposed of in
12 accordance with the provisions of this act.

13 (d) Debt retirement.--

14 (1) All bonds issued under the authority of this act
15 shall be redeemed at maturity, together with all interest due
16 from time to time on the bonds, and these principal and
17 interest payments shall be paid from the Global War on
18 Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking Fund, which is
19 established. For the specific purpose of redeeming the bonds
20 at maturity and paying all interest thereon in accordance
21 with the information received from the Governor, the General
22 Assembly shall appropriate money to the Global War on
23 Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking Fund for the
24 payment of interest on the bonds and notes and the principal
25 thereof at maturity. All money paid into the Global War on
26 Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking Fund and all
27 of the money not necessary to pay accruing interest shall be
28 invested by the State Treasurer in such securities as are
29 provided by law for the investment of the sinking funds of
30 the Commonwealth.

1 (2) The State Treasurer, with the approval of the
2 Governor, is authorized at any time to use any of the money
3 in the fund not necessary for the purposes of the referendum
4 authorizing the indebtedness necessary to carry out this act,
5 for the purchase and retirement of all or any part of the
6 bonds and notes issued under the authorization of this act.
7 In the event that all or any part of the bonds and notes are
8 purchased, they shall be canceled and returned to the loan
9 and transfer agent as canceled and paid bonds and notes, and,
10 thereafter, all payments of interest thereon shall cease. The
11 canceled bonds, notes and coupons, together with any other
12 canceled bonds, notes and coupons, shall be destroyed as
13 promptly as possible after cancellation but not later than
14 two years after cancellation. A certification evidencing the
15 destruction of the canceled bonds, notes and coupons shall be
16 provided by the loan and transfer agent to the issuing
17 officials. All canceled bonds, notes and coupons shall be so
18 marked as to make the canceled bonds, notes and coupons
19 nonnegotiable.

20 (3) The State Treasurer shall determine and report to
21 the Secretary of the Budget by November 1 of each year the
22 amount of money necessary for the payment of interest on
23 outstanding obligations and the principal of the obligations,
24 if any, for the following fiscal year and the times and
25 amounts of the payments. It shall be the duty of the Governor
26 to include in every budget submitted to the General Assembly
27 full information relating to the issuance of bonds and notes
28 under the provisions of this act and the status of the Global
29 War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking Fund of
30 the Commonwealth for the payment of interest on the bonds and

1 notes and the principal thereof at maturity.

2 (4) The General Assembly shall appropriate an amount
3 equal to the sums as may be necessary to meet repayment
4 obligations for principal and interest for deposit into the
5 Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking
6 Fund.

7 (e) Expiration.--Authorization to issue bonds and notes, not
8 including refunding bonds and replacement notes, for the purpose
9 of this act shall expire 10 years from the effective date of
10 this section.

11 Section 13. Question.

12 (a) Submission of question to electorate.--The question of
13 incurring indebtedness of up to \$30,000,000 for the purposes set
14 forth in this act shall be submitted to the electors at the next
15 general election following enactment of this act.

16 (b) Certification.--The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
17 certify the question to the county boards of elections.

18 (c) Form of question.--The question shall be in
19 substantially the following form:

20 Do you favor indebtedness by the Commonwealth of up to
21 \$30,000,000 for the payment of a bonus for service in the
22 Global War on Terrorism?

23 (d) Election.--The election shall be conducted in accordance
24 with the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the
25 Pennsylvania Election Code, except that the time limits for
26 advertisement of notice of the election may be waived as to the
27 question.

28 (e) Proceeds.--Proceeds of the borrowing shall be used for
29 the payment of compensation for service in or in support of the
30 Global War on Terrorism.

1 Section 14. Appropriations.

2 (a) General rule.--For the purpose of payments to eligible
3 veterans, staff services, postage and other necessary expenses
4 incurred by the Adjutant General in the administration of this
5 act, such sums, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are
6 specifically appropriated to the Adjutant General out of any
7 money which have been deposited in the fund.

8 (b) Continuing appropriation.--The appropriation under
9 subsection (a) shall be a continuing appropriation and shall not
10 lapse.

11 Section 15. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect as follows:

13 (1) Section 13 of this act and this section shall take
14 effect in 60 days.

15 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect upon the
16 certification of the approval by the electorate to incur the
17 indebtedness necessary to carry out the provisions of this
18 act.