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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. TITONE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 18 of article 7 of the constitution, in relation to providing for payment of a bonus to members of the armed forces from this state for service during the period of the Korean, Vietnam or Persian Gulf hostilities

1 Section 1. RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That section 18 of article  
2 7 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

3 § 18. (a) The legislature may authorize by law the creation of a debt  
4 or debts of the state to provide for the payment of a bonus to each male  
5 and female member of the armed forces of the United States, still in the  
6 armed forces, or separated or discharged under honorable conditions, for  
7 service while on active duty with the armed forces at any time during  
8 the period from December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one to and  
9 including September second, nineteen hundred forty-five, who was a resi-  
10 dent of this state for a period of at least six months immediately prior  
11 to his or her enlistment, induction or call to active duty. The law  
12 authorizing the creation of the debt shall provide for payment of such  
13 bonus to the next of kin of each male and female member of the armed  
14 forces who, having been a resident of this state for a period of six  
15 months immediately prior to his or her enlistment, induction or call to  
16 active duty, died while on active duty at any time during the period  
17 from December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one to and including  
18 September second, nineteen hundred forty-five; or who died while on  
19 active duty subsequent to September second, nineteen hundred forty-five,  
20 or after his or her separation or discharge under honorable conditions,  
21 prior to receiving payment of such bonus. An apportionment of the moneys  
22 on the basis of the periods and places of service of such members of the  
23 armed forces shall be provided by general laws.

24 (b) The legislature may also authorize the creation of a debt or debts  
25 of the state to provide for the payment of a bonus to each male and  
26 female member of the armed forces of the United States, still in the  
27 armed forces, or separated or discharged under honorable conditions, for

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 service while on active duty with the armed forces at any time during  
2 the period from June twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred fifty to and  
3 including January thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-five, during the  
4 period from December twenty-second, nineteen hundred sixty-one to and  
5 including May seventh, nineteen hundred seventy-five, or during the  
6 period from August second, nineteen hundred ninety to the end of such  
7 hostilities, who is a resident of this state. The law authorizing the  
8 creation of the debt shall provide for payment of such bonus to the  
9 legatees or distributees of each male and female member of the armed  
10 forces who, was a resident of this state, died while on active duty at  
11 any time during the period from June twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred  
12 fifty to and including January thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-  
13 five, during the period from December twenty-second, nineteen hundred  
14 sixty-one to and including May seventh, nineteen hundred seventy-five,  
15 or during the period from August second, nineteen hundred ninety to the  
16 end of such hostilities; or who died while on active duty subsequent to  
17 January thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-five, May seventh, nineteen  
18 hundred seventy-five, or the end of such hostilities, respectively, or  
19 after his or her separation or discharge under honorable conditions,  
20 prior to receiving payment of such bonus. In the event such member is  
21 deceased, such bonus may be applied for and shall be payable as follows:

22 (1) if the qualified person left a valid will that provides for the  
23 disposition of such bonus, either specifically or by residuary disposi-  
24 tion, then pursuant to such will, whether or not the estate has been  
25 closed; or

26 (2) in the absence of a valid will making a disposition as provided  
27 for in paragraph one of this subdivision, then pursuant to the laws of  
28 intestate succession, as in effect and applicable as of the decedent's  
29 date of death.

30 An apportionment of the moneys on the basis of the periods and places  
31 of service of such members of the armed forces shall be prescribed by  
32 law; provided, however, that the maximum amount to be paid to any such  
33 member entitled to such bonus with overseas service shall be four  
34 hundred dollars and the maximum amount to be paid to any such member  
35 entitled to such bonus with stateside service shall be three hundred  
36 dollars.

37 (c) The aggregate of all of the debts authorized by this section shall  
38 not exceed [~~four~~] six hundred million dollars.

39 (d) The provisions of this article, not inconsistent with this  
40 section, relating to the issuance of bonds for a debt or debts of the  
41 state and the maturity and payment thereof, shall apply to a debt or  
42 debts created pursuant to this section; except that [~~the~~] any law  
43 authorizing the contracting of such debt or debts shall take effect  
44 without submission to the people pursuant to section eleven of this  
45 article.

46 (e) Proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to law, as authorized by subdi-  
47 vision (a) of this section as in force prior to January first, nineteen  
48 hundred fifty and proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to law, as author-  
49 ized by subdivision (b) of this section as in force prior to January  
50 first, two thousand eighteen shall be available and may be expended for  
51 the payment of such [~~bonus~~] bonuses to persons qualified therefor as now  
52 provided by this section.

53 § 2. RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be  
54 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the  
55 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in

1 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be  
2 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.