STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 20, 2023

Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to providing for an annual adjustment for reimbursements for certain veterans funerals

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1-a of section 148 of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 29 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The state shall reimburse such congressionally chartered veterans' organization for such funeral and burial service expenses for veterans, except those expenses previously reimbursed pursuant to section one hundred forty-one of the social services law or any other law or those expenses reimbursable or payable by the federal government; provided however, that the total reimbursement pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed two thousand dollars per burial**. With respect to any state fiscal year, the commissioner of veterans' services shall provide a percentage increase in the maximum amount of funeral and burial service expenses payable under this paragraph, equal to the percentage by which (i) the consumer price index (all items, United States city average) for the twelve-month period ending on the March thirty-first preceding the beginning of the state fiscal year for which the increase is made, exceeds (ii) the consumer price index for the twelve-month period preceding the twelve-month period described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph. Such percentage increase shall be rounded up to the next highest one-tenth of one percent and shall not be less than one percent nor more than four percent. Commencing in the year two thousand five, the commissioner of veterans' services, not later than February first of each year, shall publish the amount of the total reimbursement, as adjusted, payable under this section**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2025.

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

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