

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5200

July 01, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Koleszar and Rabhi and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1899 PA 214, entitled

"An act to provide relief outside of the soldiers' home for honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and members of women's auxiliaries and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses and members of women's auxiliaries, and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,"

by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 35.21), section 1 as amended by 2016 PA 218.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

**1**

TITLE

1       An act to provide relief outside of the soldiers' home for  
 2       honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses,  
 3       and members of women's auxiliaries and the indigent ~~wives, widows~~  
 4       **spouses, surviving spouses**, and minor children of ~~such those~~  
 5       indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and  
 6       members of women's auxiliaries, and to repeal certain acts and  
 7       parts of acts.

8       Sec. 1. **(1)** The county board of commissioners of each county  
 9       shall annually levy a tax, not exceeding 1/10 of a mill on each  
 10      dollar, to be levied and collected as provided by law, upon the  
 11      taxable property of each township and city, for their respective  
 12      counties, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of  
 13      honorably discharged indigent members of the Army, Navy, Air Force,  
 14      Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and women's auxiliaries and the indigent  
 15      spouses, minor children, and parents of each indigent or deceased  
 16      member who served during a period of war as described in 38 CFR  
 17      3.2, except that for purposes of this section, "period of war" for  
 18      the Vietnam era means the following:

19      (a) February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 for a veteran who  
 20      served during that period.

21      (b) On or after January 31, 1955 in an area of hazardous duty  
 22      for which the veteran received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
 23      or Vietnam Service Medal.

24      **(2)** Funds raised in accordance with this section may be  
 25      expended for the relief of indigent ~~wives~~ **spouses** and children of  
 26      active duty soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, coast guardsmen,  
 27      nurses, and members of the women's auxiliaries during the  
 28      continuance of present hostilities and ~~prior to~~ **before** their  
 29      discharge. However, in any year which, in the opinion of the board,

1 an emergency exists, the board may appropriate a sum not to exceed  
2 2/10 of a mill on each dollar for the purposes of this section. The  
3 money, when collected, ~~shall~~**must** be paid to the county treasurer  
4 of the county where the tax is levied in each of the counties in  
5 this state, to be paid out by the treasurer upon the order of the  
6 soldiers' relief commission if signed by the chairperson and  
7 secretary of the commission. If any money in the fund is not  
8 necessary for the purpose for which it was raised, the money ~~shall~~  
9 **must** remain in the treasury of the county as a soldiers' relief  
10 fund, and ~~shall~~**must** be considered in raising future sums for this  
11 purpose.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
13 unless Senate Joint Resolution \_\_\_\_ or House Joint Resolution \_\_\_\_  
14 (request no. 02344'21) of the 101st Legislature becomes a part of  
15 the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article  
16 XII of the state constitution of 1963.