

**CHAPTER 93**

**(House Bill 34)**

AN ACT concerning

**Militia - Honor Guard - Compensation**

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain minimum compensation for members of an honor guard organized by the Adjutant General to attend the burial service of a deceased veteran; and generally relating to compensation for members of an honor guard organized by the Adjutant General to attend the burial service of a deceased veteran.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 65 - Militia

Section 6

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 65 - Militia**

6.

(a) (1) The Adjutant General may organize a uniformed honor guard from the National Guard or the organized militia to attend the burial service of a deceased veteran if:

(i) The commander of an accredited veterans' organization or a friend or relative of the deceased veteran requests an honor guard to attend the burial service;

(ii) A uniformed honor guard from the active armed forces or veterans' organization is not available; and

(iii) The Adjutant General determines that provision of an honor guard will not have a detrimental effect on the readiness of the National Guard in the event of a State or federal emergency or the employment of a National Guard member.

(2) If an honor guard from the active armed forces is not available, the Adjutant General may request an honor guard from a veterans' organization to attend the burial service of a deceased veteran.

(b) Reasonable compensation of honor guard members shall be set by the Adjutant General, but not to exceed THE GREATER OF:

(1) 75% of 1 day's basic pay, plus other expenses incurred to participate in the burial service of a deceased veteran; OR