



VETERANS BURIAL ALLOWANCE

House Bill 5550

Sponsor: Rep. Pat Gagliardi

**Committee: Senior Citizens and
Veterans Affairs**

Complete to 2-11-98

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5550 AS INTRODUCED 2-10-98

House Bill 5550 would amend the law that governs the payment of funeral expenses of military veterans by counties, Public Act 235 of 1911. The bill would allow a veteran's estate to have a value of up to \$38,000, and yet remain eligible for a \$300 burial allowance, paid upon application to the county board of commissioners. Under current law, the burial allowance is available when a veteran's estate has a value up to \$25,000. The burial allowance is available only to the estates of honorably discharged veterans who meet certain residency requirements, and if application is made within two years after the veteran's death.

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