

HCS HB 1988 -- MILITARY HONORS

SPONSOR: Amato

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 12 to 1. Voted "Do "Pass" by Rules-Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill raises the fee for a certified copy of a death record from \$14 for the first copy and \$11 for each additional copy to \$19 for the first copy and \$16 for each additional copy.

This bill adjusts where the funds from the fee go. The portion of the fee for the Missouri Coroners' Training Fund decreases from \$1.00 to \$.50 and the Missouri National Guard begins to receive \$5.50 for the specific purpose of funding the military honors detail for veterans' funerals.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that we need to honor our veterans at their funerals. We currently aren't compensating those who participate in the honor detail enough. We need to raise the compensation rate for the honor detail.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Amato.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the National Guard agrees that the current compensation rate is too low. However, there isn't enough money in the budget to raise the compensation rate for the honors detail.

Testifying in person on the bill was Nick Humphrey, Missouri National Guard.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.