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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 306 (Rules)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to burial allowances for veterans."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 26.10.080 is repealed and reenacted to read:

9 Sec. 26.10.080. DEATH GRATUITY. (a) The division of veterans'
10 affairs shall pay, upon application, a death gratuity in the amount of
11 \$750 to the surviving spouse of a veteran whose burial in the state
12 occurs on or after the effective date of this section and who was a
13 resident of the state at the time of death. If the veteran has no
14 surviving spouse, the gratuity shall be paid to the personal represen-
15 tative of the veteran.

16 (b) A death gratuity may be paid for a veteran otherwise eligi-
17 ble under (a) of this section even if the veteran died while tempo-
18 rarily absent from the state.

19 (c) The division of veterans' affairs may not pay a death gratu-
20 ity unless the veteran for whom payment is made received an honorable
21 discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.

22 (d) In this section

23 (1) "personal representative" includes administrator,
24 executor, special administrator, successor personal representative,
25 and persons who perform substantially the same function under the law
26 governing their status;

27 (2) "veteran" means

28 (A) a person who served in a branch of the armed
29 services of the United States

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(i) who at the time of entry into the service was a resident of the territory or state, who had been a resident for not less than one year immediately before entry into the service, and who returned to the territory or state within one year after discharge as a resident with the intention of remaining in the territory or state; or

(ii) who was a resident of the state for not less than one year immediately preceding the time of death; or

(B) a person who served in the Alaska Army National Guard, the Alaska Air National Guard, or the Alaska Naval Militia, or who served in a reserve unit of the United States armed forces in Alaska if the reserve unit required a minimum of one weekend of duty each month and 15 consecutive days of active duty training each year for not less than three years.