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AN ACT

1 Providing compensation to persons in active service in
2 connection with the Global War on Terrorism or their
3 beneficiaries; authorizing the incurring of indebtedness and
4 the issue and sale of bonds by the Commonwealth for the
5 payment of compensation contingent upon electorate approval;
6 establishing the Global War on Terrorism Veterans'
7 Compensation Bond Fund and the Global War on Terrorism
8 Veterans' Compensation Bond Sinking Fund; imposing duties on
9 the Department of General Services; imposing a penalty;
10 making appropriations; and making a repeal.

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7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Short title.

10 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Global War on
11 Terrorism Veterans' Compensation Act.

12 Section 2. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "Active service." As follows:

17 (1) For a member of a component of the armed forces of
18 the United States, the time served on active duty during the
19 Global War on Terrorism, as proven by the official military
20 records of the United States or by other evidence deemed
21 sufficient by the department.

22 (2) For a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard or a
23 reserve component of the armed forces of the United States,
24 time served on active duty for the support of operations in
25 the Global War on Terrorism whether or not the service was
26 outside the continental United States, as proven by the
27 official military records of the United States or by other
28 evidence deemed sufficient by the department.

29 (3) The term includes time spent in hospitals as a
30 result of service-connected wounds, diseases or injuries

1 sustained on active service, as proven by the official
2 military records of the United States or by other evidence
3 deemed sufficient by the department.

4 (4) The term does not include time served on active duty
5 for annual training or schooling, except for training and
6 schooling in preparation for active duty in the Global War on
7 Terrorism.

8 "Compensation." Money awarded to a veteran under this act.

9 "Department." The Department of Military and Veterans
10 Affairs of the Commonwealth.

11 "Facility." A mental health establishment, hospital, clinic,
12 institution, center, day-care center, base service unit,
13 community mental health center or other organizational unit, or
14 part thereof, which is devoted primarily to the diagnosis,
15 treatment, care, rehabilitation or detention of mentally
16 disabled persons.

17 "Fund." The Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Compensation
18 Bond Fund.

19 "Global War on Terrorism." The conflict starting September
20 11, 2001, and ending December 31, 2022, against international
21 terrorist organizations in operations established by the United
22 States Department of Defense.

23 "Issuing officials." The Governor, the Auditor General and
24 the State Treasurer.

25 "Legal resident of this Commonwealth." An individual whose
26 home of record was or is within this Commonwealth without regard
27 to the place of enlistment, commission or induction, as proven
28 by the official records of the United States or by other
29 evidence deemed sufficient by the department.

30 "Parents." The term includes individuals who, for a period

1 of not less than one year, acted in the capacity of a foster
2 parent to the veteran immediately prior to the veteran having
3 attained 18 years of age.

4 "Veterans service officer." An officer of a veterans service
5 organization trained and accredited by the United States
6 Department of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to veterans
7 and their families.

8 "Veterans service organization." An organization dedicated
9 to supporting veterans, service members, dependents and
10 survivors, which is congressionally chartered or recognized by
11 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

12 Section 3. Computation of compensation.

13 (a) Eligibility.--Compensation shall be payable to each
14 veteran for active service who:

15 (1) was a legal resident of this Commonwealth at the
16 time of service during the Global War on Terrorism; and

17 (2) either:

18 (i) is a legal resident of this Commonwealth at the
19 time of application for benefits under this act; or

20 (ii) was a legal resident of this Commonwealth when
21 the individual died.

22 (b) Exclusion.--Compensation shall not be paid to any of the
23 following:

24 (1) An individual who was separated from the armed
25 forces of the United States under other than honorable
26 conditions during the Global War on Terrorism or thereafter.

27 (2) An individual who has renounced the individual's
28 United States citizenship.

29 (c) Compensation for service in direct support of Global War
30 on Terrorism.--Subject to subsection (e), compensation for

1 active service in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism
2 shall be payable in the amount of \$1,000. As used in this
3 subsection, the term "in direct support of the Global War on
4 Terrorism" means receipt of any of the following for the Global
5 War on Terrorism:

6 (1) The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

7 (2) The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

8 (3) The Iraq Campaign Medal.

9 (4) The Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

10 (5) The Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal.

11 (d) Compensation for active service during Global War on
12 Terrorism.--Subject to subsection (e), compensation for active
13 service during the Global War on Terrorism shall be payable in
14 the amount of \$500.

15 (e) Eligibility.--An individual may not receive compensation
16 for active service under subsection (c) and (d).

17 (f) Deceased veteran.--In addition to any other compensation
18 under this section, the compensation on behalf of a veteran who
19 died in active service or as a result of service-connected
20 wounds, diseases or injuries sustained during active service
21 shall be \$5,000.

22 (g) Prisoner of war.--In addition to any compensation under
23 this section, the compensation of a veteran who was declared a
24 prisoner of war, regardless of the length of time spent as a
25 prisoner of war, shall, upon return, be \$5,000.

26 (h) Exclusion.--An individual who has received bonuses,
27 benefits or compensation of a nature similar to that provided
28 for by this act from any other state shall be ineligible for
29 compensation. The exclusion shall not apply to a similar bonus,
30 gratuity or compensation from the Federal Government.

1 Section 4. Application for compensation.

2 (a) Application.--Applications shall be made by a veteran,
3 the facility entitled under section 5(a) or the beneficiaries
4 designated under section 5(b) to the department.

5 (b) Review and determination.--Any of the following may
6 receive and process an application under subsection (a) and
7 determine whether to award compensation and the amount of
8 compensation:

9 (1) The department.

10 (2) A veterans service officer from a veterans service
11 organization.

12 (3) A county director of veterans affairs.

13 (c) Donation of compensation.--Upon application for the
14 Global War on Terrorism bonus, a veteran may designate some or
15 all of their compensation for donation to the Veterans' Trust
16 Fund. Upon approval of a veteran's Global War on Terrorism
17 compensation, the department shall transfer the designated
18 amount to the Veterans' Trust Fund in the name of the veteran.

19 (d) Veterans Registry requirement.--Prior to application, a
20 veteran must register or shall be registered on their behalf
21 with the department's Veterans Registry.

22 (e) Application period.--The department may not accept
23 applications on or after 20 years from the effective date of
24 this subsection.

25 Section 5. Incompetence or death.

26 (a) Incompetence.--If a veteran is found to be incompetent
27 and if no guardian has been appointed, payment shall be made for
28 the benefit of the veteran to the person that is entitled to
29 payment under subsection (b) or, in the absence of the person
30 and if the veteran is in a facility, to the person in charge of

1 the facility to be expended for the clothing and incidental
2 needs of the veteran. No part of the compensation paid to a
3 facility shall be used for the maintenance of the veteran. A
4 statement from the person in charge of the facility in which the
5 veteran resides shall be evidence to determine the competence of
6 the veteran.

7 (b) Death.--If a veteran is deceased, payment shall be made,
8 in the order named, to the:

9 (1) surviving spouse unless the spouse was living
10 separate and apart from the veteran at the time of departure
11 for active service;

12 (2) surviving children, in equal shares; or

13 (3) surviving parents, in equal shares.

14 Section 6. Designation of beneficiaries.

15 Each individual applying for compensation shall state in the
16 application the names and addresses of each person that, under
17 this act, would be entitled to receive compensation in the event
18 of the death of the applicant. If the applicant dies before the
19 payment of the compensation, the application shall be deemed to
20 inure to the benefit of the person next entitled to
21 compensation, and payment shall be made to the individual upon
22 proof of identity satisfactory to the department. If no person
23 is designated under this section as being entitled to
24 compensation survives the veteran, the right to the compensation
25 shall cease.

26 Section 7. Exemption from attachment.

27 (a) General rule.--Sums payable under this act to a veteran
28 or to any other authorized person under this act shall not be
29 subject to attachment, levy or seizure under any legal or
30 equitable process and shall be exempt from all State taxation.

1 Subject to subsection (b), a right to compensation is not
2 assignable or may not serve as a security for any loan. Any
3 assignment or loan made in violation of this section shall be
4 void.

5 (b) Validity.--Assignments to an incorporated or
6 unincorporated organization of veterans, a nonprofit corporation
7 formed solely for the purpose of aiding disabled or
8 incapacitated veterans and the State Veterans' Commission shall
9 be valid.

10 Section 8. Penalty for charging fees for assisting veterans.

11 A person that charges or collects or attempts to charge or
12 collect, either directly or indirectly, any fee or other
13 compensation for assisting a veteran in obtaining compensation
14 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.

15 Section 9. Administration of compensation program.

16 (a) Duties.--The department shall administer this act,
17 including preparing and distributing application forms,
18 verifying application information and, if satisfied of the proof
19 of an application, approving and paying compensation.

20 (b) Rules and regulations.--The department shall promulgate
21 rules and regulations to implement, administer and enforce this
22 act. The department shall, as soon as practicable after the
23 effective date of this subsection, prepare and distribute a
24 digest explaining the provisions of this act to assist veterans
25 in filing their applications and shall prepare and distribute
26 additional or supplemental information as may be found
27 necessary. The department shall enlist the services of veterans
28 service organizations to disseminate the digest and supplemental
29 information and to receive, process and make determinations on
30 compensation for each application. An amount of 2% of the total

1 bond may be used for administration of this act.

2 Section 10. Payment of compensation.

3 Compensation payable shall, upon requisition by the
4 department, be paid by the State Treasurer from the fund. The
5 source of the fund shall be money generated from a proposed bond
6 issue. Payments shall be made as soon as possible after money is
7 available.

8 Section 11. Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Compensation Bond
9 Fund.

10 (a) Purpose.--The Global War on Terrorism Veterans'
11 Compensation Bond Fund is created in the State Treasury and
12 shall be the source from which all compensation payments are
13 authorized with the approval of the Governor to carry out the
14 purposes of this act. Money in the fund shall only be utilized:

15 (1) For the purpose of providing compensation to
16 veterans in accordance with the provisions of this act.

17 (2) For the administrative costs of this act, including
18 the costs incurred in the issuance of the bonds.

19 (b) Interfund transfers authorized.--

20 (1) (i) If the cash balance and the current estimated
21 receipts of the fund are insufficient at any time during
22 a State fiscal year to meet the obligations of the
23 Commonwealth from the fund, the State Treasurer is
24 authorized and directed during the fiscal year to
25 transfer from the General Fund to the fund money as the
26 Governor directs, but in no case less than the amount
27 necessary to meet the obligations to be paid from the
28 fund nor more than an amount which is the smallest of:

29 (A) the difference between the amount of debt
30 authorized to be issued under the authority of this

1 act and the aggregate principal amount of bonds and
2 notes issued, not including refunding bonds and
3 replacement notes; and

4 (B) the difference between the aggregate
5 principal amount of bonds and notes to be issued
6 during a State fiscal year and the aggregate
7 principal amount of bonds and notes, not including
8 refunding bonds and replacement notes, issued during
9 such State fiscal year.

10 (ii) Money transferred shall be available only for
11 the purposes for which money is appropriated from the
12 fund. The transfers shall be made under this section upon
13 warrant of the State Treasurer upon requisition of the
14 Governor.

15 (2) In order to reimburse the General Fund for money
16 transferred from the General Fund under paragraph (1), there
17 shall be transferred to the General Fund from the fund money
18 from the proceeds obtained from bonds and notes issued under
19 the authority of this act or from other available money in
20 amounts and at times as the Governor shall direct. The
21 retransfers shall be made upon warrant of the State Treasurer
22 upon requisition of the Governor.

23 Section 12. Commonwealth indebtedness.

24 (a) Borrowing authorized.--

25 (1) If the electorate approves a referendum question for
26 the incurring of indebtedness in the amount and for the
27 purposes prescribed in this act, the issuing officials, in
28 accordance with the provisions of section 7(a)(3) of Article
29 VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, are authorized and
30 directed to borrow, on the credit of the Commonwealth, money

1 not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$50,000,000, not
2 including money borrowed to refund outstanding bonds, notes
3 or replacement notes, as may be found necessary to carry out
4 the purposes of this act.

5 (2) As evidence of the indebtedness, general obligation
6 bonds of the Commonwealth shall be issued to provide money
7 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act in amounts,
8 in such form, in such denominations and subject to such terms
9 and conditions of issue, redemption and maturity, rate of
10 interest and time of payment of interest as the issuing
11 officials direct, except that the latest stated maturity date
12 shall not exceed 20 years from the date of the first
13 obligation issued to evidence the debt.

14 (3) All bonds and notes issued under the authority of
15 this act shall bear facsimile signatures of the issuing
16 officials and a facsimile of the Great Seal of the
17 Commonwealth and shall be countersigned by a duly authorized
18 officer of a duly authorized loan and transfer agent of the
19 Commonwealth.

20 (4) All bonds and notes issued in accordance with the
21 provisions of this section shall be direct obligations of the
22 Commonwealth, and the full faith and credit of the
23 Commonwealth is hereby pledged for the payment of the
24 interest thereon, as it becomes due, and the payment of the
25 principal at maturity. The principal of and interest on the
26 bonds and notes shall be payable in lawful money of the
27 United States.

28 (5) All bonds and notes issued under the provisions of
29 this section shall be exempt from taxation for State and
30 local purposes.

1 (6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or
2 registered as to both principal and interest as the issuing
3 officials may determine. If interest coupons are attached,
4 the coupons shall contain the facsimile signature of the
5 State Treasurer.

6 (7) The issuing officials shall provide for the
7 amortization of the bonds in substantial and regular amounts
8 over the term of the debt so that the bonds of each issue
9 shall mature within a period not to exceed the appropriate
10 amortization period as specified by the issuing officials but
11 in no case in excess of 20 years. The first retirement of
12 principal shall be stated to mature prior to the expiration
13 of a period of time equal to one-tenth of the time from the
14 date of the first obligation issued to evidence the debt to
15 the date of the expiration of the term of the debt.
16 Retirements of principal shall be regular and substantial if
17 made in annual or semiannual amounts whether by stated serial
18 maturities or by mandatory sinking fund retirements.

19 (8) The issuing officials are authorized to provide by
20 resolution for the issuance of refunding bonds for the
21 purpose of refunding any debt issued under the provisions of
22 this act and then outstanding, either by voluntary exchange
23 with the holders of the outstanding debt or providing money
24 to redeem and retire the outstanding debt with accrued
25 interest, any premium payable on the debt and the costs of
26 issuance and retirement of the debt, at maturity or at any
27 call date. The issuance of the refunding bonds, the
28 maturities and other details, the rights of the holders and
29 the duties of the issuing official shall be governed by the
30 provisions of this section. Refunding bonds, which are not

1 subject to the aggregate limitation of \$50,000,000 of debt to
2 be issued under this act, may be issued by the issuing
3 officials to refund debt originally issued or to refund bonds
4 previously issued for refunding purposes.

5 (9) If any action is to be taken or decision made by the
6 Governor, the Auditor General and the State Treasurer acting
7 as issuing officials and the three officers are not able
8 unanimously to agree, the action or decision of the Governor
9 and either the Auditor General or the State Treasurer shall
10 be binding and final.

11 (b) Sale of bonds.--

12 (1) Upon issuance, bonds shall be offered for sale at
13 not less than 98% of the principal amount and accrued
14 interest and shall be sold by the issuing officials to the
15 highest and best bidder or bidders after due public
16 advertisement on the terms and conditions and upon open
17 competitive bidding as the issuing officials direct. The
18 manner and character of the advertisement and the time of
19 advertising shall be prescribed by the issuing officials.

20 (2) Any portion of any bond issued and not sold or
21 subscribed for at public sale may be disposed of by private
22 sale by the issuing officials in the manner and at prices,
23 not less than 98% of the principal amount and accrued
24 interest, as the Governor shall direct.

25 (2.1) No commission shall be allowed or paid for the
26 sale of any bonds issued under the authority of this act.

27 (3) Upon issuance of bonds, the bonds of each issue
28 shall constitute a separate series to be designated by the
29 issuing officials or may be combined for sale as one series
30 with other general obligation bonds of the Commonwealth.

1 (4) Until permanent bonds can be prepared, the issuing
2 officials may issue, in lieu of permanent bonds, temporary
3 bonds in the form and with privileges as to registration and
4 exchange for permanent bonds as may be determined by the
5 issuing officials.

6 (5) Proceeds from the sale of bonds and notes, except
7 refunding bonds and replacement notes, under the provisions
8 of this act shall be paid into the fund. The proceeds shall
9 be paid by the State Treasurer to the department for purposes
10 of payment of compensation. The proceeds of the sale of
11 refunding bonds and replacement notes shall be paid to the
12 State Treasurer and applied to the payment of principal, the
13 accrued interest and premium, if any, and cost of redemption
14 of the bonds and notes for which the obligations shall have
15 been issued.

16 (6) Pending application for the purposes authorized,
17 money held or deposited by the State Treasurer may be
18 invested or reinvested as are other funds in the custody of
19 the State Treasurer in the manner provided by law. All
20 earnings received from the investment or deposit of money
21 shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the
22 fund. The earnings in excess of bond discounts allowed,
23 expenses paid for the issuance of bonds and notes and
24 interest arbitrage rebates due to the Federal Government
25 shall be transferred annually to the fund. Interest or
26 investment income shall be applied to assist in the payment
27 of the debt service incurred in connection with this act.

28 (7) The Auditor General shall prepare the necessary
29 registry book to be kept in the office of the duly authorized
30 loan and transfer agent of the Commonwealth for the

1 registration of any bonds, at the request of owners thereof,
2 according to the terms and conditions of issue directed by
3 the issuing officials.

4 (8) There is appropriated to the State Treasurer from
5 the fund as much money as may be necessary for all costs and
6 expenses in connection with the issue of and sale and
7 registration of the bonds and notes in connection with this
8 act and the payment of interest arbitrage rebates or proceeds
9 of the bonds and notes.

10 (c) Temporary financing authorization.--

11 (1) Pending the issuance of bonds of the Commonwealth as
12 authorized, the issuing officials are authorized, in
13 accordance with the provisions of this act and on the credit
14 of the Commonwealth, to make temporary borrowings not to
15 exceed three years in anticipation of the issuance of bonds
16 in order to provide money deemed advisable prior to the
17 issuance of bonds. In order to provide for and in connection
18 with the temporary borrowings, the issuing officials are
19 authorized in the name and on behalf of the Commonwealth to
20 enter into any purchase, loan or credit agreement or
21 agreements, or other agreement or agreements with any banks
22 or trust companies or other lending institutions, investment
23 banking firms or persons in the United States having power to
24 enter into the same, which agreements may contain provisions
25 not inconsistent with the provisions of this act as may be
26 authorized by the issuing officials.

27 (2) All temporary borrowings made under this section
28 shall be evidenced by notes of the Commonwealth which shall
29 be issued in amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the
30 applicable statutory and constitutional debt limitation in

1 the form and in the denominations and subject to terms and
2 conditions of sale and issue, prepayment or redemption and
3 maturity, rate or rates of interest and time of payment of
4 interest as the issuing officials shall authorize and direct
5 in accordance with this act. The authorization and direction
6 may provide for the subsequent issuance of replacement notes
7 to refund outstanding notes or replacement notes, which
8 shall, upon issuance, evidence the borrowing and may specify
9 other terms and conditions with respect to the notes and
10 replacement notes authorized for issuance as the issuing
11 officials may determine and direct.

12 (3) If the authorization and direction of the issuing
13 officials provide for the issuance of replacement notes, the
14 issuing officials are authorized in the name and on behalf of
15 the Commonwealth to issue, enter into or authorize and direct
16 the State Treasurer to enter into agreements with any banks,
17 trust companies, investment banking firms or other
18 institutions or persons in the United States having the power
19 to enter the same:

20 (i) To purchase or underwrite an issue or series of
21 issues or notes.

22 (ii) To credit, to enter into any purchase, loan or
23 credit agreements, to draw money pursuant to the
24 agreements on the terms and conditions set forth therein
25 and to issue notes as evidence of borrowings made under
26 any such agreements.

27 (iii) To appoint an issuing and payment agent or
28 agents with respect to notes.

29 (iv) To do other acts as may be necessary or
30 appropriate to provide for the payment, when due, of the

1 interest on and the principal of such notes. Such
2 agreements may provide for the compensation of any
3 purchasers or underwriters of notes or replacement notes
4 by discounting the purchase price of the notes or by
5 payment of a fixed fee or commission at the time of
6 issuance and all other costs and expenses, including fees
7 for agreements related to the notes, issuing and paying
8 agent costs and costs and expenses of issuance, may be
9 paid from the proceeds of the notes.

10 (4) If the authorization and direction of the issuing
11 officials provide for the issuance of replacement notes, the
12 State Treasurer shall:

13 (i) at or prior to the time of delivery of these
14 notes or replacement notes, determine the principal
15 amounts, dates of issue, interest rate or rates, or
16 procedures for establishing rates, rates of discount,
17 denominations and all other terms and conditions relating
18 to the issuance and shall perform all acts and things
19 necessary to pay or cause to be paid, when due, all
20 principal of and interest on the notes being refunded by
21 replacement notes; and

22 (ii) ensure that the issuing officials may draw upon
23 money available for that purpose pursuant to any
24 purchase, loan or credit agreements established with
25 respect thereto, subject to the authorization and
26 direction of the issuing officials.

27 (5) Outstanding notes evidencing borrowings may be
28 funded and retired by the issuance and sale of the bonds of
29 the Commonwealth. The refunding bonds must be issued and sold
30 not later than a date three years after the date of issuance

1 of the first notes evidencing the borrowings to the extent
2 that payment of the notes has not otherwise been made or
3 provided for by sources other than proceeds of replacement
4 notes.

5 (6) The proceeds of all temporary borrowing shall be
6 paid to the State Treasurer to be held and disposed of in
7 accordance with the provisions of this act.

8 (d) Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Compensation Bond
9 Sinking Fund.--

10 (1) The Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Compensation
11 Bond Sinking Fund is created in the State Treasury. All bonds
12 issued under the authority of this act shall be redeemed at
13 maturity, together with all interest due on the bonds, and
14 the principal and interest payments shall be paid from the
15 Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Compensation Bond Sinking
16 Fund. For the specific purpose of redeeming the bonds at
17 maturity and paying all interest thereon in accordance with
18 the information received from the Governor, the General
19 Assembly shall appropriate money to the Global War on
20 Terrorism Veterans' Compensation Bond Sinking Fund for the
21 payment of interest on the bonds and notes and the principal
22 thereof at maturity. All money paid into the Global War on
23 Terrorism Veterans' Compensation Bond Sinking Fund and all of
24 the money not necessary to pay accruing interest shall be
25 invested by the State Treasurer in securities as are provided
26 by law for the investment of the sinking funds of the
27 Commonwealth.

28 (2) The State Treasurer, with the approval of the
29 Governor, is authorized to use any of the money in the fund
30 not necessary for the purposes of the referendum authorizing

1 the indebtedness necessary to carry out this act, for the
2 purchase and retirement of all or any part of the bonds and
3 notes issued pursuant to the authorization of this act. In
4 the event that all or any part of the bonds and notes are
5 purchased, they shall be canceled and returned to the loan
6 and transfer agent as canceled and paid bonds and notes, and,
7 thereafter, all payments of interest thereon shall cease. The
8 canceled bonds, notes and coupons, together with any other
9 canceled bonds, notes and coupons, shall be destroyed as
10 promptly as possible after cancellation but not later than
11 two years after cancellation. A certification evidencing the
12 destruction of the canceled bonds, notes and coupons shall be
13 provided by the loan and transfer agent to the issuing
14 officials. All canceled bonds, notes and coupons shall be so
15 marked as to make the canceled bonds, notes and coupons
16 nonnegotiable.

17 (3) The State Treasurer shall determine and report to
18 the Secretary of the Budget by November 1 of each year the
19 amount of money necessary for the payment of interest on
20 outstanding obligations and the principal of the obligations,
21 if any, for the following fiscal year and the times and
22 amounts of the payments. It shall be the duty of the Governor
23 to include in every budget submitted to the General Assembly
24 full information relating to the issuance of bonds and notes
25 under the provisions of this act and the status of the Global
26 War on Terrorism Veterans' Compensation Bond Sinking Fund of
27 the Commonwealth for the payment of interest on the bonds and
28 notes and the principal thereof at maturity.

29 (4) The General Assembly shall appropriate an amount
30 equal to the sums as may be necessary to meet repayment

1 obligations for principal and interest for deposit into the
2 Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Compensation Bond Sinking
3 Fund.

4 (e) Expiration.--Authorization to issue bonds and notes, not
5 including refunding bonds and replacement notes, for the purpose
6 of this act shall expire 10 years from the effective date of
7 this subsection.

8 Section 13. Question.

9 (a) Submission of question to electorate.--The question of
10 incurring indebtedness of up to \$50,000,000 for the purposes
11 specified in this act shall be submitted to the electors at the
12 next general election following the effective date of this
13 subsection.

14 (b) Certification.--The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
15 certify the question to the county boards of elections.

16 (c) Form of question.--The question shall be in
17 substantially the following form:

18 Do you favor indebtedness by the Commonwealth of up to
19 \$50,000,000 for the payment of compensation for service
20 in the Global War on Terrorism?

21 (d) Election.--The election shall be conducted in accordance
22 with the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the
23 Pennsylvania Election Code, except that the time limits for
24 advertisement of notice of the election may be waived as to the
25 question.

26 (e) Proceeds.--Proceeds of the borrowing shall be used for
27 the payment of compensation for service in or in support of the
28 Global War on Terrorism.

29 Section 14. Appropriations.

30 (a) Compensation appropriation.--For the purpose of payment

1 for the compensation to veterans, staff services, postage and
2 other necessary expenses incurred by the department in the
3 administration of this act, sums, or as much thereof as may be
4 necessary, are specifically appropriated to the department out
5 of any money in the Global War on Terrorism Veterans'
6 Compensation Bond Fund.

7 (b) Continuing appropriations.--The appropriation under
8 subsection (a) shall be a continuing appropriation and shall not
9 lapse.

10 Section 15. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect as follows:

12 (1) This section and sections 9 and 13(a), (b), (c) and
13 (d) shall take effect immediately.

14 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect after
15 the certification of the approval by the electorate to incur
16 the indebtedness necessary to carry out the provisions of
17 this act.