

SENATE BILL 975

By Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,
relative to honor guards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Any member of a volunteer honor guard is eligible for a per diem payment for each day that the member participates in an honor guard that appears at the funeral of a veteran of the United States armed forces.

(b) In order to obtain a per diem payment under subsection (a), an individual must submit a request and evidence of having participated in a volunteer honor guard at the funeral of a veteran of the United States armed forces to the military department.

(c) Subject to the availability of funds, the military department shall issue a per diem payment to any individual who submits a request and evidence pursuant to subsection (b) and complies with any additional requirements established by rule under subsection (e).

(d) The amount of a per diem under this section must be sufficient to defray the cost of one (1) meal, but not more than twenty dollars (\$20.00).

(e) The adjutant general may, in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.