
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR HAWAII GOVERNORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an appropriate
2 funeral tribute should be provided to deceased governors of the
3 State of Hawaii in the absence of federal military funeral
4 honors or funeral honors provided by veteran organizations.

5 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to ensure the
6 provision of an honor guard detail for the burial of a governor
7 of the State of Hawaii on behalf of a grateful citizenry and in
8 recognition of the governor's service as commander-in-chief of
9 the militia of the State of Hawaii.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§121- Military funeral honors program; established;
14 funeral honors duty. (a) There is established the military
15 funeral honors program that shall provide military funeral
16 honors for the burial of State of Hawaii governors, including
17 former governors. The military funeral honors program shall be



1 administered by the adjutant general, as defined in section 121-
2 7.

3 (b) Military funeral honors under this section shall
4 consist of an honor guard detail, which shall be performed by
5 not less than two members of the Hawaii national guard, selected
6 by the adjutant general, and shall, at a minimum, consist of a
7 ceremony that includes the folding and presenting of the
8 national flag of the United States to the next of kin and the
9 playing of the bugle call commonly known as Taps by a bugler, if
10 available, or by electronic recording.

11 (c) The adjutant general may:

12 (1) Order a member of the Hawaii national guard to funeral
13 honors duty in accordance with this section. That
14 member shall receive an allowance of \$100 for any day
15 on which a minimum of two hours of funeral honors duty
16 is performed. Members of the Hawaii national guard
17 ordered to funeral honors duty in accordance with this
18 section are considered to be in the active service of
19 the State for all purposes except for pay; and
20 (2) Provide support for other authorized providers who
21 volunteer to participate in a funeral honors detail
22 conducted for a governor; provided that the support



1 shall be limited to transportation, reimbursement for
2 transportation, expenses, materials, and training.

3 (d) If the adjutant general determines that Hawaii
4 national guard personnel are not available to perform military
5 funeral honors in accordance with this section, the adjutant
6 general may authorize another appropriate organization to
7 provide one or more of its members to perform those honors and,
8 subject to appropriations for that purpose, shall authorize the
9 payment of a \$100 stipend to the organization."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Military Funeral Honors; Hawaii Governor

Description:

Authorizes military funeral honors for Hawaii governors.

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