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SENATE BILL NO. 745

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BURGER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 42.300, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the distribution of certain funds for memorials and museums dedicated to veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 42.300, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 42.300,
3 to read as follows:

42.300. 1. There is hereby created in the state
2 treasury the "Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust
3 Fund" which shall consist of money collected under section
4 313.835. The state treasurer shall administer the veterans
5 commission capital improvement trust fund, and the moneys in
6 such fund shall be used solely, upon appropriation, by the
7 Missouri veterans commission for:

8 (1) The construction, maintenance or renovation or
9 equipment needs of veterans' homes in this state;

10 (2) The construction, maintenance, renovation,
11 equipment needs and operation of veterans' cemeteries in
12 this state;

13 (3) Fund transfers to Missouri veterans' homes fund
14 established under the provisions of section 42.121, as
15 necessary to maintain solvency of the fund;

16 (4) Fund transfers to any municipality with a
17 population greater than four hundred thousand and located in
18 part of a county with a population greater than six hundred

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

thousand in this state which has established a fund for the sole purpose of the restoration, renovation, and maintenance of a memorial or museum or both dedicated to World War I.

Appropriations from the veterans commission capital improvement trust fund to such memorial fund shall be provided only as a one-time match for other funds devoted to the project and shall not exceed five million dollars.

Additional appropriations not to exceed ten million dollars total may be made from the veterans commission capital improvement trust fund as a match to other funds for the new construction or renovation of other facilities dedicated as veterans' memorials in the state. All appropriations for renovation, new construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of veterans' memorials shall be made only for applications received by the Missouri veterans commission prior to July 1, 2004;

(5) The issuance of matching fund grants for veterans' service officer programs to any federally chartered veterans' organization or municipal government agency that is certified by the Veterans Administration to process veteran claims within the Veterans Administration System; provided that such veterans' organization has maintained a veterans' service officer presence within the state of Missouri for the three-year period immediately preceding the issuance of any such grant. A total of one million five hundred thousand dollars in grants shall be made available annually for service officers and joint training and outreach between veterans' service organizations and the Missouri veterans commission with grants being issued in July of each year. Application for the matching grants shall be made through and approved by the Missouri veterans

50 commission based on the requirements established by the
51 commission;

52 (6) For payment of Missouri National Guard and
53 Missouri veterans commission expenses associated with
54 providing medals, medallions and certificates in recognition
55 of service in the Armed Forces of the United States during
56 World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War under
57 sections 42.170 to 42.226. Any funds remaining from the
58 medals, medallions and certificates shall not be transferred
59 to any other fund and shall only be utilized for the
60 awarding of future medals, medallions, and certificates in
61 recognition of service in the Armed Forces;

62 (7) Fund transfers totaling ten million dollars to any
63 municipality with a population greater than three hundred
64 fifty thousand inhabitants and located in part in a county
65 with a population greater than six hundred thousand
66 inhabitants and with a charter form of government, for the
67 sole purpose of the construction, restoration, renovation,
68 and maintenance of a memorial or museum or both dedicated to
69 World War I; [and]

70 **(8) Fund transfers totaling no more than five hundred**
71 **thousand dollars to any county with more than seventeen**
72 **thousand six hundred but fewer than nineteen thousand**
73 **inhabitants and with a county seat with more than eight**
74 **thousand but fewer than ten thousand inhabitants, for the**
75 **sole purpose of the restoration, renovation, and maintenance**
76 **of a memorial or museum or both dedicated to Missouri and**
77 **United States veterans and their service; and**

78 (9) The administration of the Missouri veterans
79 commission.

80 2. Any interest which accrues to the fund shall remain
81 in the fund and shall be used in the same manner as moneys

82 which are transferred to the fund under this section.
83 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the
84 contrary, moneys in the veterans commission capital
85 improvement trust fund at the end of any biennium shall not
86 be transferred to the credit of the general revenue fund.

87 3. Upon request by the veterans commission, the
88 general assembly may appropriate moneys from the veterans
89 commission capital improvement trust fund to the Missouri
90 National Guard trust fund to support the activities
91 described in section 41.958.

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