

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 1466

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BURGER.

6233S.011

KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 42.300, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to funds for veteran services.

*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Section A. Section 42.300, RSMo, is repealed and one new  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

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

18 part of a county with a population greater than six hundred  
19 thousand in this state which has established a fund for the  
20 sole purpose of the restoration, renovation and maintenance  
21 of a memorial or museum or both dedicated to World War I.  
22 Appropriations from the veterans commission capital  
23 improvement trust fund to such memorial fund shall be  
24 provided only as a one-time match for other funds devoted to  
25 the project and shall not exceed five million dollars.  
26 Additional appropriations not to exceed ten million dollars  
27 total may be made from the veterans commission capital  
28 improvement trust fund as a match to other funds for the new  
29 construction or renovation of other facilities dedicated as  
30 veterans' memorials in the state. All appropriations for  
31 renovation, new construction, reconstruction, and  
32 maintenance of veterans' memorials shall be made only for  
33 applications received by the Missouri veterans commission  
34 prior to July 1, 2004;

35 (5) The issuance of matching fund grants for veterans'  
36 service officer programs to any federally chartered  
37 veterans' organization or municipal government agency that  
38 is certified by the Veterans Administration to process  
39 veteran claims within the Veterans Administration System;  
40 provided that such veterans' organization has maintained a  
41 veterans' service officer presence within the state of  
42 Missouri for the three-year period immediately preceding the  
43 issuance of any such grant. A total of one million five  
44 hundred thousand dollars in grants shall be made available  
45 annually for service officers and joint training and  
46 outreach between veterans' service organizations and the  
47 Missouri veterans commission with grants being issued in  
48 July of each year. Application for the matching grants  
49 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 twenty 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; funds allocated in**  
78 **section 195.820 may also be appropriated for services,**  
79 **programs, or projects dedicated to addressing the mental**  
80 **health needs of veterans; and**

81           (9) The administration of the Missouri veterans  
82 commission.

83           2. Any interest which accrues to the fund shall remain  
84 in the fund and shall be used in the same manner as moneys  
85 which are transferred to the fund under this section.  
86 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the  
87 contrary, moneys in the veterans commission capital  
88 improvement trust fund at the end of any biennium shall not  
89 be transferred to the credit of the general revenue fund.

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

✓