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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the powers and duties of the adjutant general
2 by providing uniformed honor guards at burial, interment, or
3 memorial services of military veterans.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 29A.12A UNIFORMED HONOR GUARD --
2 FUNERALS OF VETERANS.

3 1. As used in this section, "recognized veterans
4 organization" means a veterans organization listed in section
5 37.2, subsection 1, or an organization of veterans of the
6 United States armed forces recognized by rule of the adjutant
7 general.

8 2. The adjutant general shall serve as coordinator for
9 honor guard services for military funerals and related
10 services. If requested by the commander of a recognized
11 veterans organization, the director of a funeral home, or a
12 friend or family member of a deceased person who served in the
13 armed forces of the United States during a time of war or
14 military conflict or is otherwise entitled to military honors
15 at the person's burial, interment, or memorial service, the
16 adjutant general shall order the requested uniformed honor
17 guard of the Iowa national guard, or shall request a
18 recognized veterans organization, to attend and provide the
19 appropriate military honors. The adjutant general shall
20 ensure that the appropriate service records are collected
21 which authorize the honor guard at the services and shall
22 ensure that the honor guard meets the appropriate military
23 requirements for uniform and conduct.

24 3. If a recognized veterans organization provides the
25 honor guard services, the adjutant general shall provide
26 assistance in training the honor guard units and shall provide
27 compensation to the recognized veterans organization which
28 performs honor guard services. The compensation paid to the
29 recognized veterans organization shall be determined by rule
30 of the adjutant general.

31 4. The costs related to providing honor guard services,
32 training honor guard units, and providing compensation to
33 recognized veterans organizations which provide honor guard
34 services as provided in this section shall be paid from funds
35 appropriated to the national guard for those purposes under

1 section 29A.13.

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EXPLANATION

This bill provides that the adjutant general of the Iowa national guard shall coordinate and provide for appropriate honor guard services for a deceased veteran who is entitled to military honors at the veteran's funeral, burial, or memorial service. The adjutant general is to provide the honor guard units from national guard personnel or through recognized veterans organizations that wish to provide the honor guard services. The adjutant general shall ensure that the honor guards meet appropriate military standards of uniform and conduct and shall provide appropriate training to the veterans organizations. The veterans organizations are to be compensated for the honor guard services as determined by rule of the adjutant general. The costs related to the honor guard services are to be paid from funds appropriated to the national guard for those purposes.