

1 AN ACT relating to veterans.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 40.050 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Every person determined by the administrator to be a qualified veteran shall be paid  
5 the sum of nine dollars (\$9) for each month and major fraction of a month of active  
6 duty, in the Armed Forces in the continental United States, not to exceed in all the  
7 sum of three hundred dollars (\$300), and the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15) for each  
8 month and major fraction of a month of such service outside the continental United  
9 States, subject to an aggregate limit for all service in the sum of five hundred dollars  
10 (\$500). A veteran who served in one or more of the conflict periods defined in  
11 subsections (15), (16), (17), and (18) of KRS 40.010 shall be limited to a maximum  
12 payment of three hundred dollars (\$300) if no part of his *or her* total service during  
13 the periods specified was served outside the continental United States, or five  
14 hundred dollars (\$500) if a part of his total service during the periods specified was  
15 served outside the continental United States.
- 16 (2) If a person determined to have been a qualified veteran shall be deceased at the time  
17 payment of the veterans' bonus would otherwise be made to him *or her*, the amount  
18 of his *or her* bonus shall be paid to the first surviving beneficiary, if any, according  
19 to the order of priority defined in subsection (8) of KRS 40.010 and if there be no  
20 surviving beneficiary, the bonus of such veteran shall lapse, and no payment thereof  
21 shall be made.
- 22 (3) A beneficiary (as defined in subsections (8), (9), (10), (11), and (12) of KRS  
23 40.010) of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed  
24 Forces during the periods defined in subsections (15), (16), (17), and (18) of KRS  
25 40.010 or person who died of service-connected injury sustained while on active  
26 duty in the Armed Forces during the conflict periods defined above shall be paid  
27 three hundred dollars (\$300) if no part of his *or her* total service during these

1 periods was served outside the continental United States or five hundred dollars  
2 (\$500) if any part of his *or her* total service during these periods was served outside  
3 the continental United States. The provisions of subsection (1) and the minimum  
4 period of service for entitlement to a bonus as established by subsection (2) of KRS  
5 40.010 shall not apply to these beneficiaries. However, this exception does not  
6 waive the respective maximums of three hundred dollars (\$300) or five hundred  
7 dollars (\$500) for each veteran, person killed in the line of duty while on active duty  
8 in the Armed Forces, or person who died as a result of service-connected injury  
9 sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces.