

No. 123

AN ACT

SB 646

Amending the act of June 11, 1935 (P. L. 326), entitled "An act relating to counties of the first class; defining deceased service persons; providing for contributions by the county to the funeral expenses for such persons and their widows; providing for the erection and care of markers, headstones and flags, and for the compilation of war records," increasing the amount which may be expended for grave-markers and headstones for deceased service persons.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The third paragraph of section 5, act of June 11, 1935 (P. L. 326), entitled "An act relating to counties of the first class; defining deceased service persons; providing for contributions by the county to the funeral expenses for such persons and their widows; providing for the erection and care of markers, headstones and flags, and for the compilation of war records," amended April 24, 1947 (P. L. 64), is amended to read:

Section 5. Markers for Graves; Headstones.—

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It shall also be the duty of the county commissioners of such county upon, or at any time subsequent to, the death of any deceased service person who, at the time of his or her death, had his or her legal residence in the county, on application as hereinafter provided, to cause a headstone or bronze memorial tablet to be placed at the head of, or on the grave of, each such deceased service person. Such headstone shall contain his or her name and the rank and organization to which he or she belonged or in which he or she served in letters raised or cut in at least three-sixteenths of an inch deep. Such headstone shall be of either marble or granite, and to be placed or set in a concrete base at least three feet deep, or if a headstone has been provided for such grave by the United States Government, the county commissioners shall provide such concrete base therefor, or if lettering only on an existing memorial is desired by the family, the county commissioners shall provide such lettering. In the event the body of any deceased service person, either cannot be or will not be returned to the United States of America, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to cause a headstone to be placed in the family plot of such deceased service person. Said headstone shall have inscribed thereon (a) the name, rank and organization of such deceased service person, (b) the name of the country, location or manner in which such person lost his or her life, and (c) the cemetery or location in which

the body, if buried, was finally laid to rest. Application therefor shall in each case be made on forms prescribed by the Department of Military Affairs and may be made by any relative of the deceased service person or by a friend, provided in the latter case there is no objection by the nearest relative and the application is approved by an organization of veterans of any war in which the United States has been, is now or shall hereafter be engaged. The expense in each case shall be borne by the county in which the deceased service person had his or her legal residence at the time of his or her death, whether or not he or she died in the county and whether or not he or she was buried in the county: Provided, however, That the expense shall not exceed the sum of [seventy-five dollars (\$75)] one hundred dollars (\$100) for each headstone or concrete base or lettering or bronze memorial tablet, and the county commissioners of each such county, acting under this section, shall draw a warrant on the treasurer of their county for the payment of said expense in favor of the party or parties furnishing such headstone or concrete base or lettering or bronze memorial tablet: Provided, however, That in cases of dispute concerning the legal residence of a deceased service person the county in which a deceased service person is buried shall perform the duties hereinbefore set forth. No such payment or payments shall be made unless the application therefor shall be approved before the commencement of the project by the county commissioners.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 22d day of July, A. D. 1965.

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No. 124

AN ACT

SB 649

Amending the act of June 5, 1947 (P. L. 458), entitled, as amended, "An act creating as bodies corporate and politic 'Parking Authorities' in cities of the first, second, second A and third classes, boroughs, and townships of the first class; prescribing the rights, powers and duties of such authorities; authorizing such authorities to acquire, construct, improve, maintain and operate parking projects; to conduct research of the parking problem, and to establish a permanent coordinated system of parking facilities, and to borrow money and issue bonds therefor; providing for the payment of such bonds and prescribing the rights of the holders thereof; conferring the right of eminent domain on such authorities; empowering such authorities to enter into contracts with, and to accept grants from, the Federal Government, State, political subdivisions of the State or any agency thereof; exempting the property and securities of such parking authorities from taxation and confer-