

1 AN ACT in relation to veterans

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 1. This Act may be cited as the World War I  
5 Veterans Bonus Act.

6 Section 5. Compensation. Every person who served on  
7 active duty with the armed forces of the United States during  
8 World War I is entitled to receive compensation of \$1,000 for  
9 that service if (i) the person is a resident of the State of  
10 Illinois and (ii) the person has been honorably separated or  
11 discharged from that service or has been retired. Service in  
12 the merchant marine is not service in the armed forces for  
13 purposes of this Act.

14 The bonus under this Section is to be paid in addition to  
15 any other compensation to which the person is entitled.

16 Section 10. No assignment. No right or claim to  
17 compensation under this Act may be assigned.

18 Section 15. Administration. The Department of Veterans'  
19 Affairs has complete charge and control of the general scheme  
20 of payments authorized by this Act and shall adopt general  
21 rules for the making of those payments, the ascertainment and  
22 selection of proper beneficiaries and the amount to which  
23 those beneficiaries are entitled, and for procedure.

24 If the person to whom compensation is payable under this  
25 Act is under legal disability, the compensation shall be paid  
26 to the person legally vested with the care of the legally  
27 disabled person under the laws of this State. If no such  
28 person has been so designated for the legally disabled  
29 person, payment shall be made to the chief officer of any

1 hospital or institution under the supervision or control of  
2 this State or of the Veterans Administration of the United  
3 States in which the legally disabled person is placed, if the  
4 officer is authorized to accept moneys for the benefit of the  
5 incompetent. Any payments so made must be held or used solely  
6 for the benefit of the legally disabled person.

7 As used in this Section, a person "under legal  
8 disability" means a person found to be so disabled by a court  
9 of competent jurisdiction of any state or the District of  
10 Columbia or by any adjudication officer of the Veterans  
11 Administration of the United States.

12 Section 20. Application. An application for  
13 compensation under this Act must be made to the Illinois  
14 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.