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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1638**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 44-114 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Military Affairs; providing of flag to next of kin.*

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Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 44-114 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 44-114. Allowances made to organizations from state appropriations.**

For the necessary expenses of the maintenance of the National Guard ~~and~~, the naval militia *and the Virginia State Defense Force*, to include the providing of one flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia to the next of kin of any individual, upon his death, who was serving in, or honorably served for a period of 20 years in and retired from the Virginia National Guard, the *Virginia State Defense Force, or a combination of both*, the Adjutant General shall annually allot to each organization or unit such amounts as may in his judgment be advisable, and as may be available from the appropriation to the Department of Military Affairs, such allotment to be based upon such scheme of distribution as may appear equitable to the Adjutant General and best suited to the needs of the military forces of the Commonwealth.

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