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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, DiPalma, Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gallo, Famiglietti, Appollonio, and Patalano

Date Introduced: January 09, 2026

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-3-40.4 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-3 entitled "National
2 Guard" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **30-3-40.4. Payment of life insurance premiums.**

4 Any member of the national guard who has been mobilized in excess of thirty (30) days
5 and who elects coverage under a term life insurance policy issued by the federal government, shall
6 be reimbursed from the general fund for the cost of premiums incurred by the member for said
7 policy for any month or part thereof that the member has been mobilized. In the event that a member
8 of the national guard elects coverage in an amount in excess of ~~four~~ five hundred thousand dollars
9 ~~(\$400,000)~~ (\$500,000) under such policy, the member shall receive reimbursement from the
10 general fund in an amount not to exceed the amount of the premiums attributable to the first ~~four~~
11 five hundred thousand dollars ~~(\$400,000)~~ (\$500,000) of coverage under said policy.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would raise the amount of life insurance the state would provide at no charge to
- 2 Rhode Island National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars
- 3 (\$500,000).
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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