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Background: Gross profits from lawful gambling operations may be expended only for lawful purposes or allowable expenses, as authorized by law and approved by the membership of the organization. The statutory definition of "lawful purposes" includes certain activities by an organization or government entity which recognizes military service to the nation, the state, or the community. A performance by a military marching band, a color guard, or an honor guard is one such named activity.

The Act: Current law authorizes lawful gambling organizations to pay a stipend of up to \$35 to each member of a military marching band, a color guard, or an honor guard unit for each approved performance by the unit. The bill would increase the limit to \$50 per member per performance.