

**701—40.64(422) Exclusion of death gratuity payable to an eligible survivor of a member of the armed forces, including a member of a reserve component of the armed forces who has died while on active duty.** An eligible survivor of a member of the armed forces, including a member of a reserve component of the armed forces, who has died while on active duty may subtract, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, a gratuity death payment made to the eligible survivor of a member of the armed forces who died while on active duty after September 10, 2001. This exclusion applies to a gratuity death payment made to the eligible survivor of any person in the armed forces or a reserve component of the armed forces who died while on active duty after September 10, 2001.

The purpose of the death gratuity is to provide a cash payment to assist a survivor of a deceased member of the armed forces to meet financial needs during the period immediately following a service member's death and before other survivor benefits, if any, become available.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 674.