HOUSE BILL No. 5797

May 22, 1990, Introduced by Rep. Jacobetti and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend the title and section 14 of Act No. 370 of the Public Acts of 1974, entitled as amended "Vietnam veteran era bonus act,"

being section 35.1034 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. The title and section 14 of Act No. 370 of the
- 2 Public Acts of 1974, being section 35.1034 of the Michigan
- 3 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:
- 4 TITLE
- 5 An act to provide for payments to certain persons who served
- 6 in the armed forces of the United States, and to beneficiaries of
- 7 those persons; to prescribe the powers and duties of the adjutant
- 8 general and other state offices with respect thereto; to provide
- 9 for the court of claims; to adjudicate appeals; to provide for
- 10 acceptance of financial and other assistance from the federal

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- 1 government; to create a veterans' military pay fund in the state
- 2 treasury; to make appropriations; to prescribe penalties for vio-
- 3 lations of the provisions of this act; to authorize the issuance
- 4 of general obligation bonds of the state and to pledge the full
- 5 faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and
- 6 interest thereon; to provide for other matters relating to the
- 7 bonds and the use of the proceeds of sale of the bonds, INCLUDING
- 8 AGENT ORANGE AND OTHER VIETNAM-ERA VETERAN STUDIES AND
- 9 ACTIVITIES.
- 10 Sec. 14. (1) The state shall borrow the sum of
- 11 \$205,000,000.00 and issue the general obligation bonds of the
- 12 state therefor FOR THIS SUM pledging the faith and credit of
- 13 the state for the payment of the principal and interest -thereon
- 14 for the purpose of providing ON THE BONDS TO PROVIDE money for
- 15 payment of benefits to veterans, in accordance with conditions,
- 16 methods, and procedures therefor to be established by law, AND TO
- 17 PROVIDE MONEY TO CONDUCT THE AGENT ORANGE AND OTHER VIETNAM-ERA
- 18 VETERAN STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES REQUIRED BY PART 57 OF THE PUBLIC
- 19 HEALTH CODE, ACT NO. 368 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, BEING
- 20 SECTIONS 333.5701 TO 333.5749 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.
- 21 (2) A person who qualifies for a bonus as a veteran or as a
- 22 beneficiary both under this act and under section 1 of Act No.
- 23 106 of the Public Acts of 1974, being section 35.1001 of the
- 24 Michigan Compiled Laws, shall receive the payments authorized by
- 25 this act from the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by
- 26 this act. All other persons defined as veterans qualified for a
- 27 bonus or as beneficiaries by this act, pursuant to the power of

- 1 the legislature to prescribe eligibility as provided in section 4
- 2 of Act No. 106 of the Public Acts of 1974, being section 35.1004
- 3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall receive the payments autho-
- 4 rized by this act from such funds as are appropriated by the leg-
- 5 islature for the purpose of making those payments.