

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6278**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 150, entitled
"Michigan military act,"
(MCL 32.501 to 32.851) by adding section 184.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 184. (1) Under the Michigan military department state**
2 **awards program established under section 182a, the legislature may**
3 **award the Michigan Great Lakes medal of valor.**

4 **(2) The Michigan Great Lakes medal of valor is the second**
5 **highest military award of this state. All of the following apply to**
6 **this medal:**

7 **(a) The award is for a service member of the state military**
8 **establishment, that of another state, or the Armed Forces of the**
9 **United States who performs specific acts of bravery or outstanding**



1 courage, or who performs within an exceptionally short period of
2 time a closely related series of heroic acts, if the acts involve
3 personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life and result
4 in an accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly
5 set the service member apart from the service member's comrades or
6 from other individuals in similar circumstances. Awarding of the
7 medal requires a lesser degree of gallantry than awarding of the
8 Michigan legislative medal of honor under section 183, but requires
9 that the acts be performed with marked distinction.

10 (b) The adjutant general shall submit the following
11 information to the chairs of the house of representatives and
12 senate committees that have responsibility for military and
13 veterans affairs:

14 (i) If the adjutant general determines that a nominee does not
15 qualify for the medal, the name of the nominee and the reasons why
16 the nominee does not qualify for the medal.

17 (ii) If the adjutant general determines that a nominee does
18 qualify for the medal and the adjutant general recommends the
19 nominee for the medal, his or her recommendation, the nomination,
20 and any supporting documents.

21 (c) The medal is awarded upon passage of a concurrent
22 resolution of the legislature. The resolution may be considered
23 only during a regular session of the legislature.

24 (d) Upon passage of the resolution described in subdivision
25 (c), the speaker of the house of representatives and the majority
26 leader of the senate shall award the medal in the presence of the
27 governor, the sponsoring legislator or legislators, and the
28 representative and senator of the district where the awardee
29 resides.



1 (e) If the legislature determines that the recommendation does
2 not meet the standards for awarding the medal, the legislature may
3 determine that the recommendation meets the threshold for another
4 state award under section 185 that is commensurate with the deed
5 performed and recommend to the adjutant general the awarding of
6 that award.

7 (3) As used in this section:

8 (a) "Armed Forces of the United States" means the United
9 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard,
10 including the reserve components.

11 (b) "Service member" means a member of the state military
12 establishment, that of another state, or the Armed Forces of the
13 United States.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
15 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are
16 enacted into law:

17 (a) House Bill No. 6276.

18 (b) House Bill No. 6277.

19 (c) House Bill No. 6279.

