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**TRANSFER LAND FROM DPH TO MARQUETTE CITY**

House Bill 5661 with committee amendment  
First Analysis (6-21-88)

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Sponsor: Rep. Dominic J. Jacobetti  
Committee: Appropriations

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***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

Land is needed in the area of the D. J. Jacobetti Michigan Veterans' Facility in Marquette to provide housing for veterans and their spouses. At present there is no "assisted housing" in the Upper Peninsula "assisted housing" units, or "congregate care facilities" are small, efficiency one-bedroom or studio apartments with minimal cooking facilities and a central dining room). The Department of Public Health would like to have part of the property under its jurisdiction at the facility declared "surplus" and transferred to the City of Marquette. The city has promised to lease the land to a non-profit corporation, the Upper Peninsula Veterans Housing Corporation, which would use HUD funds to run the program. If the housing could be built adjacent to the facility, lifetime care could be provided to veterans and their spouses.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would authorize the state administrative board to transfer 1.357 acres of state-owned land at the D. J. Jacobetti Michigan Veterans Facility in Marquette County from the Department of Public Health to the City of Marquette. The land would be conveyed by quitclaim deed for the consideration of \$1, which would be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the general fund. The bill would require that the quitclaim deed reserve to the state all rights to coal, oil, gas and other mineral rights found on or under the property.

***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

According to the House Fiscal Agency, since the housing program would utilize funds from HUD's 231 Program — Apartments for the Aged — the bill would not require state funds. (6-20-88)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

Since the D. J. Jacobetti Michigan Veterans' Facility has a long waiting list, a large percentage of the elderly in the Upper Peninsula go into nursing homes at a fairly early age. The bill would alleviate this situation by providing the type of care veterans and their spouses, and other of the elderly, most often need: a home health care agency would be hired to assist in medications; 24-hour help would be available for emergencies; a central dining room would provide nutritional meals; and the outpatient clinic at the adjacent facility would be on hand. The arrangement would allow husbands and wives to stay together and postpone admittance into nursing homes.

***POSITIONS:***

The Department of Public Health has no position on the bill. (6-20-88)

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