

Legislative Analysis



MICHIGAN STATE SILVER ROSE CERTIFICATE

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House Bill 5601 as introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Hank Vaupel

Committee: Military, Veterans and Homeland Security

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5601 would amend the Michigan Military Act to authorize the adjutant general to award the Michigan State Silver Rose Certificate in the name of the legislature.

An individual could be awarded the certificate if he or she meets all of the following:

- He or she is a citizen of this state or was a citizen of this state while serving in the *Armed Forces of the United States* or the Michigan National Guard.
- He or she was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances.
- While serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or the Michigan National Guard, he or she was exposed to dioxin or phenoxy herbicides (such as those in “Agent Orange”), as evidenced by a medical diagnosis of a disease associated with dioxin or phenoxy herbicides and any other proof required by the adjutant general.

Armed Forces of the United States would mean the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard and would include the reserve components.

The certificate could be presented to a designated representative of a deceased certificate recipient. An individual could not be awarded more than one certificate.

The adjutant general, in conjunction with the director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, would have to promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of the bill.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill could result in minimal costs to the state legislature and the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and would have no impact on local units of government. Minimal administrative MVAA staff time costs would come from developing and publishing rules for granting the award. The legislature could incur minimal monetary costs from developing and producing copies of certificates to awardees of the Michigan State Silver Rose Certificate. The bill is permissive and does not require certificates to be awarded. Costs to the legislature and MVAA would be able to be absorbed through ongoing appropriations.

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