

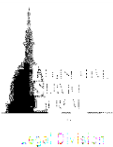
HOUSE BILL NO. 5231

November 07, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Manoogian, Chirkun, Tyrone Carter, Brenda Carter, Pohutsky, Brixie, Wittenberg, Pagan, Haadsma, Koleszar, Kennedy, Yaroach, Bolden, Sowerby, Ellison, Love, Clemente, Marino, Cambensy, Hertel, Hope, Elder, Camilleri, Lasinski, Sabo, Stone, Hood, Howell, Tate, Warren, Shannon, Jones, Coleman, Anthony, Sneller, Hammoud, Whitsett and Yancey and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to create the Michigan women veterans office within the Michigan veterans affairs agency; to prescribe the powers and duties for certain state officers and entities; and to require the promulgation of rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 "Michigan women veterans office act".
- 3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:
- 4 (a) "Agency" means the Michigan veterans affairs agency
- 5 created in Executive Reorganization Order No. 2013-2, MCL 32.92.



1 (b) "Armed Forces of the United States" means the United
2 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard,
3 including the reserve components.

4 (c) "Director" means the director of the agency.

5 (d) "Office" means the Michigan women veterans office
6 established in section 5.

7 (e) "Reserve component" means all of the following:

8 (i) The army, navy, marine corps, air force, and coast guard
9 reserves.

10 (ii) The Army National Guard of the United States.

11 (iii) The Air National Guard of the United States.

12 (f) "Women veterans" means women who meet both of the
13 following:

14 (i) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

15 (ii) Were discharged or released under circumstances other than
16 dishonorable.

17 Sec. 5. The Michigan women veterans office is established
18 within the agency. Subject to appropriation, the agency shall
19 provide the office with the resources necessary to comply with this
20 act.

21 Sec. 7. The director may designate a coordinator who is
22 responsible for the administration of the office under the
23 direction and supervision of the director. The director may set the
24 salary of the coordinator using the available resources of the
25 agency.

26 Sec. 9. The duties of the office include, but are not limited
27 to, all of the following:

28 (a) Perform outreach to improve women veterans' awareness of
29 eligibility for federal and state veterans' services and benefits.



1 (b) Assess the needs of women veterans with respect to
2 benefits and services.

3 (c) Review programs, research projects, and other initiatives
4 designed to address or meet the needs of women veterans.

5 (d) Make recommendations to the director to improve benefits
6 and services for women veterans.

7 (e) Incorporate women veterans' issues in strategic planning
8 concerning benefits and services.

9 Sec. 11. The agency shall promulgate rules pursuant to the
10 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
11 24.328, to implement the provisions of this act.

