

SENATE BILL NO. 1109

September 15, 2020, Introduced by Senators BRINKS, BARRETT, CHANG, MOSS, WOJNO and HOLLIER and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors, and Veterans.

A bill to amend 2016 PA 560, entitled
"Michigan veterans' facility authority act,"
(MCL 36.101 to 36.112) by adding section 6b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 6b. (1) An appeals board is created within the authority.**
2 **The appeals board is responsible for hearing all appeals regarding**
3 **admissions decisions, involuntary dismissals, and requests for**
4 **internment at a cemetery maintained and managed by Michigan veteran**
5 **homes.**

6 **(2) The appeals board shall consist of 5 members. Members of**

1 the appeals board must be appointed by the authority board as
2 follows:

3 (a) Three members who are veterans and represent the interests
4 of congressionally chartered veterans' organizations and have had
5 interactions or involvement at 1 or more veterans' facilities
6 within the last 2 years.

7 (b) Two members who are veterans and have had interactions or
8 involvement at 1 or more veterans' facilities within the last 2
9 years.

10 (3) When making the initial appointments to the appeals board,
11 the authority board shall first consider the most recent former
12 members of the prior board of managers created by section 2a of
13 former 1885 PA 152. If an insufficient number of former members of
14 the prior board of managers express an interest in serving, then
15 the authority board shall consider all eligible applicants.

16 (4) Appointments to the appeals board must be made in a manner
17 and for terms established by the authority board.

18 (5) The authority shall adopt processes and procedures that
19 the appeals board must follow when considering appeals. These
20 processes and procedures must be consistent with the existing
21 processes and procedures of the authority. The authority shall
22 establish rules for the appeals board to follow that are consistent
23 with rules established in R 32.71 to 32.89 of the Michigan
24 Administrative Code.

25 (6) A decision of the appeals board is considered to be the
26 decision of the authority and may be appealed to the circuit court
27 as provided by law.

28 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
29 unless Senate Bill No. 1110 the 100th Legislature is enacted into

1 law.