

HOUSE BILL NO. 5896

March 10, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Anthony, Marino, O'Malley, LaFave, Steckloff, Breen, Steenland, Cambensy, Shannon, Bezotte, Kuppa, Mueller, Wakeman, Hall, Damoose, Borton, Markkanen, Griffin and Meerman and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1967 PA 150, entitled
"Michigan military act,"
(MCL 32.501 to 32.851) by adding section 132b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 132b. (1) Under the Michigan legislative state medal
2 program established under section 132, the legislature may award
3 the Michigan legislative medal of valor.

4 (2) The Michigan legislative medal of valor is the second
5 highest legislatively issued military award of this state. All of
6 the following apply to the awarding of the medal:

1 (a) The medal may be awarded to a living or deceased service
2 member who satisfies any of the following requirements:

3 (i) Was born in this state.

4 (ii) Was a resident of this state when the service member
5 entered military service.

6 (iii) Died in this state.

7 (b) The medal must be awarded to a service member who performs
8 specific acts of bravery or outstanding courage, or who performs
9 within an exceptionally short period of time a closely related
10 series of heroic acts, if the acts involve personal hazard or
11 danger and the voluntary risk of life and result in an
12 accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set the
13 service member apart from the service member's comrades or from
14 other individuals in similar circumstances. Awarding of the medal
15 requires a lesser degree of gallantry than awarding of the Michigan
16 legislative medal of honor under section 132a, but requires that
17 the acts be performed with marked distinction.

18 (c) The legislative council administrator shall submit the
19 following information to the chairpersons of the house of
20 representatives and senate committees that have responsibility for
21 military and veterans affairs:

22 (i) If the legislative council administrator determines that a
23 nominee does not qualify for the medal, the name of the nominee and
24 the reasons why the nominee does not qualify for the medal.

25 (ii) If the legislative council administrator determines that a
26 nominee qualifies for the medal and recommends the nominee for the
27 medal, his or her recommendation, the nomination, and any
28 supporting documents.

29 (d) The legislature may award the medal by concurrent

1 resolution.

2 (e) Upon passage of the concurrent resolution described in
3 subdivision (d), the speaker of the house of representatives and
4 the majority leader of the senate shall award the medal in the
5 presence of the legislator or legislators who sponsored the
6 concurrent resolution and the representative and senator of the
7 district where the medal recipient resides or last resided.

8 (3) As used in this section:

9 (a) "Legislative council administrator" means the council
10 administrator appointed by the legislative council under section
11 104a of the legislative council act, 1986 PA 268, MCL 4.1104a, or
12 his or her designee.

13 (b) "Medal" means the Michigan legislative medal of valor
14 described in subsection (1).

15 (c) "Service member" means a member of the state military
16 establishment, another state's military establishment, or the
17 United States Armed Forces.

18 (d) "United States Armed Forces" means the United States Army,
19 Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, including the
20 reserve components.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
22 unless all of the following bills of the 101st Legislature are
23 enacted into law:

24 (a) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5895 (request no.
25 03838'21).

26 (b) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5897 (request no.
27 03839'21).

28 (c) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. ____ (request no.
29 03840'21).