

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6277**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 150, entitled
"Michigan military act,"
(MCL 32.501 to 32.851) by adding section 183.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 183. (1) Under the Michigan military department state**
2 **awards program established under section 182a, the legislature may**
3 **award the Michigan legislative medal of honor.**

4 **(2) The Michigan legislative medal of honor is the highest**
5 **military award of this state. All of the following apply to this**
6 **medal:**

7 **(a) A resident of this state who is a service member of the**
8 **state military establishment or the Armed Forces of the United**
9 **States may be considered for the award. To be eligible, the service**



1 member must have been born or died in this state, or have been a
2 resident of this state at the time he or she entered military
3 service.

4 (b) The medal must be awarded to a service member who
5 voluntarily performs a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice
6 involving risk of life that is so conspicuous as to clearly
7 distinguish the service member for gallantry and intrepidity above
8 the service member's comrades. Awarding of the medal must be
9 determined in accordance with the standard of extraordinary merit.
10 The medal may be awarded only on incontestable proof of performance
11 of the deed.

12 (c) The adjutant general shall submit the following
13 information to the chairs of the house of representatives and
14 senate committees that have responsibility for military and
15 veterans affairs:

16 (i) If the adjutant general determines that a nominee does not
17 qualify for the medal, the name of the nominee and the reasons why
18 the nominee does not qualify for the medal.

19 (ii) If the adjutant general determines that a nominee does
20 qualify for the medal and the adjutant general recommends the
21 nominee for the medal, his or her recommendation, the nomination,
22 and any supporting documents.

23 (d) The medal is awarded upon passage of a concurrent
24 resolution of the legislature. The resolution may be considered
25 only during a regular session of the legislature and must not,
26 during a single regular session, direct the medal to be awarded to
27 more than the following:

28 (i) One member of the state military establishment or the Armed
29 Forces of the United States who served during the period beginning



1 January 1, 1836, and ending December 31, 1955.

2 (ii) One member of the state military establishment or the
3 Armed Forces of the United States who served on or after January 1,
4 1956.

5 (e) Upon passage of the resolution described in subdivision
6 (d), the speaker of the house of representatives and the majority
7 leader of the senate shall award the medal in the presence of the
8 governor, the sponsoring legislator or legislators, and the
9 representative and senator of the district where the awardee
10 resides.

11 (f) If the legislature determines that a recommendation does
12 not meet the standards for awarding the medal, the legislature may
13 do either of the following:

14 (i) Determine that the recommendation meets the threshold for
15 awarding the Michigan Great Lakes medal of valor under section 184.

16 (ii) Determine that the recommendation meets the threshold for
17 another state award under section 185 that is commensurate with the
18 deed performed and recommend to the adjutant general the awarding
19 of that award.

20 (3) As used in this section:

21 (a) "Armed Forces of the United States" means the United
22 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard,
23 including the reserve components.

24 (b) "Service member" means a member of the state military
25 establishment, that of another state, or the Armed Forces of the
26 United States.

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
28 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are
29 enacted into law:



- 1 (a) House Bill No. 6276.
- 2 (b) House Bill No. 6278.
- 3 (c) House Bill No. 6279.

