

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6279**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 150, entitled  
"Michigan military act,"  
by amending section 105 (MCL 32.505), as amended by 2013 PA 99, and  
by adding sections 182a and 185.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 105. The definitions used in the command, administration,  
2 supply, training, discipline, deployment, and employment of the  
3 ~~armed forces~~ **Armed Forces** of the United States, unless clearly  
4 inapplicable or contradictory, are adopted with respect to the  
5 state military establishment except as otherwise provided in this  
6 act. As used in this act:

7           (a) **"Active service"** means service, including active state  
8 service and special duty required by law or regulation, or under



1 order of the governor. Active service includes continuing service  
2 of an active member of the Michigan National Guard and the defense  
3 force in fulfilling that active member's commission, appointment,  
4 or enlistment.

5 (b) "Active state service", as applied to the Michigan  
6 National Guard and the defense force, means military service in  
7 support of civil authorities, at the request of state or local  
8 authorities, including, but not limited to, support in the  
9 enforcement of laws prohibiting the importation, sale, delivery,  
10 possession, or use of a controlled substance, if ordered by the  
11 governor or as otherwise provided in this act.

12 (c) "Armory" means a building, facility, or the lots and  
13 grounds used by an army or air unit of the Michigan National Guard  
14 or organized militia of this state as a home station or for  
15 military training.

16 (d) "Commander-in-chief" means the governor of this state.

17 (e) "Controlled substance" means that term as defined in  
18 section 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7104.

19 (f) "Defense force" means the Michigan volunteer defense force  
20 described in section 251.

21 (g) "Department" means the department of military and veterans  
22 affairs.

23 (h) "In the service of the United States" and "not in the  
24 service of the United States" mean the same as those terms are used  
25 and construed under federal laws and regulations.

26 (i) "Inactive status" means the status of those members of the  
27 Michigan National Guard who are listed on an inactive list  
28 authorized by a federal statute or regulation.

29 (j) "Martial law" or "martial rule" means the exercise of



1 partial or complete military control over domestic territory in  
2 time of emergency because of public necessity.

3 (k) "Michigan National Guard" means the Army National Guard  
4 and the Air National Guard as those terms are defined in 32 USC  
5 101.

6 (l) ~~(a)~~ "Military" as the term refers to the state military  
7 establishment means a reference to all components of the state  
8 military establishment.

9 ~~(b) "Michigan national guard" means the army national guard  
10 and the air national guard.~~

11 ~~(c) "Commander-in-chief" means the governor of this state.~~

12 ~~(d) "Active state service", as applied to the national guard  
13 and the defense force, means military service in support of civil  
14 authorities, at the request of state or local authorities,  
15 including, but not limited to, support in the enforcement of laws  
16 prohibiting the importation, sale, delivery, possession, or use of  
17 a controlled substance, if ordered by the governor or as otherwise  
18 provided in this act.~~

19 (m) "Military establishment" or "state military establishment"  
20 means the organized militia of this state, including the employees  
21 and equipment assigned or necessary to carry out the provisions of  
22 this act.

23 (n) "Officer" means a commissioned officer or a warrant  
24 officer, unless a distinction between commissioned officer and  
25 warrant officer is clearly evident.

26 (o) "Organized militia of this state" means the Michigan  
27 National Guard, the defense force, and any other military force  
28 organized under the laws of this state.

29 (p) ~~(e)~~ "Special duty" means military service in support of



1 the full-time operation of the state military establishment for a  
2 period of not less than 1 day if ordered by competent authority.

3 ~~(f) "Active service" means service, including active state~~  
4 ~~service and special duty required by law, regulation, or pursuant~~  
5 ~~to order of the governor. Active service includes continuing~~  
6 ~~service of an active member of the national guard and the defense~~  
7 ~~force in fulfilling that active member's commission, appointment,~~  
8 ~~or enlistment.~~

9 ~~(g) "Inactive status" means the status of those members of the~~  
10 ~~national guard who are listed on an inactive list authorized by a~~  
11 ~~federal statute or regulation.~~

12 ~~(h) "In the service of the United States" and "not in the~~  
13 ~~service of the United States" mean the same as those terms are used~~  
14 ~~and construed under federal laws and regulations.~~

15 ~~(i) "Officer" means a commissioned officer and a warrant~~  
16 ~~officer, unless a distinction between commissioned officer and~~  
17 ~~warrant officer is clearly evident.~~

18 ~~(j) "Martial law" or "martial rule" means the exercise of~~  
19 ~~partial or complete military control over domestic territory in~~  
20 ~~time of emergency because of public necessity.~~

21 ~~(k) "Armory" means a building, facility, or the lots and~~  
22 ~~grounds used by an army, navy, or air unit of the national guard or~~  
23 ~~organized militia as a home station or for military training.~~

24 ~~(l) "Military establishment" means the organized militia of~~  
25 ~~this state, including the employees and equipment assigned or~~  
26 ~~necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.~~

27 ~~(q) (m) "Vital resource" means a public or private building,~~  
28 ~~facility, property, or location that the governor considers~~  
29 ~~necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the~~



1 citizens of this state.

2 ~~(n) "Controlled substance" means that term as defined in~~  
3 ~~section 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7104.~~

4 Sec. 182a. (1) In addition to the award of medals and other  
5 suitable means of public recognition prescribed by the governor  
6 under section 182, the department shall establish and operate a  
7 program to prescribe the award of medals and other suitable means  
8 of public recognition as described in sections 183, 184, and 185.  
9 The program shall be known as the "Michigan military department  
10 state awards program". The adjutant general shall develop and  
11 publish rules to carry out the program. Awards prescribed under the  
12 program must include, but are not limited to, the awards in  
13 sections 183, 184, and 185.

14 (2) The adjutant general shall receive award nominations  
15 submitted under the program and determine if the nominee meets the  
16 award requirements as established under the program. A nomination  
17 must provide in writing an account of the occurrence warranting the  
18 award and any eyewitness statement, extract from official records,  
19 sketch, map, diagram, or photograph that supports and amplifies the  
20 stated facts. The adjutant general shall seek out and record any  
21 additional information available.

22 (3) A nomination under subsection (2) may be submitted by the  
23 public.

24 (4) For an award under section 185, a member of the house of  
25 representatives or senate may submit an award recommendation to the  
26 adjutant general. For an award under section 183 or 184, a member  
27 of the house of representatives or senate may submit an award  
28 recommendation to the chairs of the house of representatives and  
29 senate committees that have responsibility for military and



1 veterans affairs.

2 (5) Except as provided in sections 183 and 184, an award  
3 granted under the program must be granted by the adjutant general.

4 (6) The program must include a Michigan National Guard awards  
5 decorations program that includes, but is not limited to, all of  
6 the following awards:

7 (a) Michigan medal for valor.

8 (b) Michigan distinguished service medal.

9 (c) Michigan lifesaving medal.

10 (d) Michigan legion of merit.

11 (e) Michigan recruiting ribbon.

12 (f) Michigan honor guard ribbon.

13 (g) Michigan broadsword service medal.

14 (h) Michigan active state service ribbon.

15 (i) Michigan state war on terrorism ribbon.

16 (j) Michigan outside U.S. service ribbon.

17 (k) Michigan outside U.S. training ribbon.

18 (l) Michigan state partnership ribbon.

19 (7) The department shall provide on its website a webpage that  
20 provides information on the program. The information must include,  
21 but is not limited to, all of the following:

22 (a) A description of the program.

23 (b) A list of the individuals who have received awards under  
24 the program.

25 (c) A description of each of the medals and other means of  
26 public recognition that may be awarded under the program, including  
27 eligibility requirements.

28 (d) Instructions for submitting an award nomination, including  
29 requirements for supporting documentation.



1 (e) A method by which an award nomination may be submitted to  
2 the department directly from the webpage.

3 (8) As used in this section, "program" means the Michigan  
4 military department state awards program established under  
5 subsection (1).

6 Sec. 185. (1) Under the Michigan military department state  
7 awards program established in section 182a, the adjutant general  
8 may award the following awards:

9 (a) Michigan purple heart medal. The Michigan purple heart  
10 medal is awarded to service members who, after September 11, 2001,  
11 were inducted into federal service from the Michigan National Guard  
12 and meet the criteria for an award of the federal purple heart  
13 medal.

14 (b) The Michigan patriots medal. The Michigan patriots medal  
15 is presented to the next of kin of each member of the state  
16 military establishment who is killed in armed conflict.

17 (c) Michigan superior service medal. The Michigan superior  
18 service medal is awarded to a service member of the state military  
19 establishment who has completed 30 or more years of honorable state  
20 service, or a combination of state and federal service, and has  
21 continually demonstrated superior performance and service while  
22 assigned to key leadership positions demanding responsibility, or a  
23 civilian who has contributed significant service to the state  
24 military establishment.

25 (d) Michigan distinguished service medal. The Michigan  
26 distinguished service medal is awarded to a member of the state  
27 military establishment, that of another state, or the Armed Forces  
28 of the United States for exceptionally outstanding achievement or  
29 service to this state in performance of a duty of great



1 responsibility while serving with the state military establishment.

2 (e) Michigan outstanding service medal. The Michigan  
3 outstanding service medal is awarded to a service member of the  
4 state military establishment, that of another state, or the Armed  
5 Forces of the United States who has performed service in a superior  
6 and clearly outstanding manner.

7 (f) Michigan medal of merit. The Michigan medal of merit is  
8 awarded to a member of the state military establishment, that of  
9 another state, or the Armed Forces of the United States who  
10 performs outstanding service or attains extraordinary achievement  
11 on behalf of this state or the United States.

12 (g) Federal service medal. The federal service medal is  
13 awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service  
14 from the state military establishment between June 15, 1940 and  
15 January 1, 1946, or on or after June 1, 1950, if the service was  
16 for a period of time greater than 90 days.

17 (h) Michigan cold war medal. The Michigan cold war medal is  
18 awarded to service members who entered military service between  
19 September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991.

20 (i) Michigan desert shield/desert storm campaign medal. The  
21 Michigan desert shield/desert storm campaign medal is awarded to  
22 service members who were inducted into federal service from the  
23 Michigan National Guard on or after August 1, 1990, in support of  
24 Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm, without regard  
25 to the place where the service member was deployed while serving on  
26 active federal military duty.

27 (j) Michigan Iraqi campaign medal. The Michigan Iraqi campaign  
28 medal is awarded to service members who were inducted into federal  
29 service from the Michigan National Guard on or after March 19,





1 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, or on or after August  
2 31, 2010, in support of Operation New Dawn, without regard to the  
3 place where the service member was deployed while serving on active  
4 federal military duty.

5 (k) Michigan Afghanistan campaign medal. The Michigan  
6 Afghanistan campaign medal is awarded to service members who were  
7 inducted into federal service from the Michigan National Guard on  
8 or after October 6, 2001, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom,  
9 without regard to the place where the service member was deployed  
10 while serving on active federal military duty.

11 (l) Michigan humanitarian service medal. The Michigan  
12 humanitarian service medal is awarded to a service member who does  
13 not meet the criteria for an award of the federal humanitarian  
14 service medal, is a member of the state military establishment, and  
15 while serving on state active duty or active duty under state  
16 authority, in accordance with 32 USC 101 to 908, participates  
17 satisfactorily in defense support to a mission under civilian  
18 authority to protect life or property during or soon after a  
19 natural disaster or civil unrest in this state.

20 (m) Michigan emergency service medal. The Michigan emergency  
21 service medal is awarded to service members of the Michigan  
22 National Guard for honorable service to this state during a major  
23 tour of state emergency duty declared by the governor of this state  
24 or the President of the United States.

25 (n) Michigan homeland defense service medal. The Michigan  
26 homeland defense service medal is awarded to a service member of  
27 the state military establishment who served on or after September  
28 11, 2001, on state active duty or active duty under state  
29 authority, in accordance with 32 USC 101 to 908, or served



1 satisfactorily in defense support to a mission in this state under  
2 civilian authority.

3 (o) Michigan combat service ribbon. The Michigan combat  
4 service ribbon is awarded to a service member of the Michigan  
5 National Guard who served after September 11, 2001, in a hostile  
6 fire zone as designated by the United States Secretary of Defense.

7 (p) Michigan faithful service medal. The Michigan faithful  
8 service medal is awarded to a member of the state military  
9 establishment who has completed 5 years of honorable service during  
10 which the service member has shown fidelity to duty, efficient  
11 service, and great loyalty to this state.

12 (q) Michigan war on terrorism service medal. The Michigan war  
13 on terrorism service medal is presented to a member of the state  
14 military establishment or Armed Forces of the United States who has  
15 supported operations to counter terrorism, was deployed overseas in  
16 direct service to the war on terror, or has been attached to a unit  
17 based in Iraq or Syria and has flown missions over those countries  
18 or has served in contiguous waters for 30 consecutive days or 60  
19 nonconsecutive days. Service members who were killed or were  
20 medically evacuated from those countries due to wounds or injuries  
21 immediately qualify for the award, as do members who engaged in  
22 combat. Service members awarded this medal must meet the  
23 requirements for 1 or more of the following federal awards:

24 (i) Global war on terrorism service medal.

25 (ii) Global war on terrorism expeditionary medal.

26 (iii) Inherent resolve campaign medal.

27 (r) Michigan military funeral honors ribbon. The Michigan  
28 military funeral honors ribbon is awarded to members of the state  
29 military establishment, or a veterans' organization, who have been



1 trained and certified by the United States Department of Defense as  
2 Department of Defense funeral honors participants.

3 (s) Michigan governor's unit citation ribbon. The Michigan  
4 governor's unit citation ribbon is authorized for units or  
5 organizational detachments of the state military establishment for  
6 extraordinary valor or exceptionally meritorious conduct or  
7 achievement in the performance of outstanding combat operations,  
8 combat support, or service support operations or activities, for at  
9 least 90 continuous days in support of military operations while on  
10 active duty under 10 USC 101 to 18505 or 32 USC 101 to 908 within  
11 the continental United States or outside the continental United  
12 States.

13 (2) As used in this section:

14 (a) "Active duty" means full-time duty in the state military  
15 establishment, including active service as that term is defined in  
16 section 105, or full-time duty in the Armed Forces of the United  
17 States.

18 (b) "Active federal military duty" means active duty in the  
19 Armed Forces of the United States.

20 (c) "Air National Guard of the United States" means that term  
21 as defined in 32 USC 101.

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

25 (e) "Army National Guard of the United States" means that term  
26 as defined in 32 USC 101.

27 (f) "Federal service" means military duty in the Armed Forces  
28 of the United States, including, without limitation, the Army  
29 National Guard of the United States and the Air National Guard of



1 the United States, while subject to the uniform code of military  
2 justice under 10 USC 801 to 946a.

3 (g) "Service member" means a member of the state military  
4 establishment, that of another state, or the Armed Forces of the  
5 United States.

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

- 9 (a) House Bill No. 6276.
- 10 (b) House Bill No. 6277.
- 11 (c) House Bill No. 6278.

