

HOUSE BILL NO. 5601

March 10, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Vaupel, Paquette, Wentworth, Wozniak, Whitsett, LaFave, Howell, Sabo and Yaroch and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1967 PA 150, entitled
"Michigan military act,"
by amending section 182 (MCL 32.582).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 182. **(1)** The governor as ~~commander in chief,~~**commander-**
2 **in-chief** may prescribe the award of medals and other suitable means
3 of public recognition for distinguished service, longevity, acts of
4 valor, or meritorious achievement. The awards may be made to
5 members of the organized militia of this state or to other



1 individuals, **who are** not members of the organized militia, who have
2 rendered appropriate service to the military establishment. The
3 adjutant general shall develop and publish rules to carry out this
4 ~~provision.~~**subsection.**

5 (2) The adjutant general is authorized to award, in the name
6 of the legislature, the "Michigan state silver rose certificate".
7 The adjutant general, in consultation with the director of the
8 Michigan veterans affairs agency, shall develop and publish rules
9 to carry out this subsection. All of the following apply to the
10 certificate:

11 (a) An individual may be awarded the certificate if the
12 individual meets all of the following requirements:

13 (i) The individual is a citizen of this state or was a citizen
14 of this state while serving in the Armed Forces of the United
15 States or the Michigan National Guard.

16 (ii) The individual was honorably discharged or released under
17 honorable circumstances.

18 (iii) The individual, while serving in the Armed Forces of the
19 United States or the Michigan National Guard, was exposed to dioxin
20 or phenoxy herbicides, as evidenced by a medical diagnosis of a
21 disease associated with dioxin or phenoxy herbicides and any other
22 proof required by the adjutant general.

23 (b) An individual who meets the requirements in subdivision
24 (a) shall not be awarded more than 1 certificate.

25 (c) If the certificate recipient is deceased, the certificate
26 may be presented to a designated representative of the deceased.

27 (3) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Armed Forces of the United States" means the United
29 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard,



1 including the reserve components.

2 (b) "Certificate" means the Michigan state silver rose

3 certificate.

