

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 434**

A bill to amend 2016 PA 198, entitled

"An act to create the office of the Michigan veterans' facility ombudsman; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the office, the ombudsman, the legislative council, and the department of military and veterans affairs,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 4.771).

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

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Administrative act" includes an action, omission,  
3 decision, recommendation, practice, or other procedure of the  
4 department.

5       (b) "Complainant" means a resident veteran, family member of a  
6 resident veteran, legal guardian or individual with power of  
7 attorney for a resident veteran, or legislator who files a  
8 complaint under section 4.

9       (c) "Council" means the legislative council established under

1 section 15 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963.

2 (d) "Department" means the department of military and veterans  
3 affairs.

4 (e) "Legislator" means a member of the senate or the house of  
5 representatives of this state.

6 (f) "Michigan veterans' facility" or "facility" means a  
7 Michigan veterans' facility established under 1885 PA 152, MCL 36.1  
8 to 36.12, **OR ANY OTHER FACILITY FOR THE CARE OF VETERANS THAT IS**  
9 **CONSTRUCTED OR ESTABLISHED BY THIS STATE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE**  
10 **OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT AMENDED THIS SUBDIVISION.**

11 (g) "Office" means the office of the Michigan veterans'  
12 facility ombudsman created under this act.

13 (h) "Ombudsman" means the Michigan veterans' facility  
14 ombudsman.

15 (i) "Resident veteran" means a veteran who is a resident of a  
16 Michigan veterans' facility or an individual who is a resident of a  
17 Michigan veterans' facility by virtue of the individual's  
18 relationship with a veteran.

19 (j) "Veteran" means that term as defined in section 2a of 1885  
20 PA 152, MCL 36.2a.