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Senate Bill 819 (as reported without amendment)**Sponsor: Senator John Kelly****Committee: Government Operations****Date Completed: 5-31-88*****RATIONALE***

The Michigan Military Act allows a commissioned officer of the Michigan National Guard to administer oaths to recruits upon their enlistment or appointment, but does not specifically give this authority to a reserve officer or officer of another branch of the armed forces. It has been pointed out that this is sometimes inconvenient, especially when recruits have been signed up and processed but cannot be given the oath because a full-time commissioned officer is unavailable at the time. It has been suggested that active or reserve officers of a branch of the armed forces be allowed to administer the oath.

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Military Act to provide that an officer of an active or reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces could administer oaths in the appointment or enlistment of officers or enlisted personnel of the Michigan National Guard.

MCL 32.629

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

ARGUMENTS***Supporting Argument***

The bill would simply allow a reserve or active officer in the armed forces to administer oaths to recruits rather than, as is currently the case, requiring an active commissioned officer of the National Guard to administer oaths. This would increase the number of persons available to give the oath.

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