

HOUSE BILL No. 5082

August 1, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Bodem, DeMars and McBryde and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

A bill to provide free tuition and fees at state public institutions of higher education for Michigan veterans of the Persian Gulf War; and to provide for an appropriation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Persian Gulf veterans tuition act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of military affairs.

5 (b) "Michigan Persian Gulf veteran" means a resident of this
6 state who served on active duty in the United States armed
7 forces, Michigan national guard, or United States armed forces
8 reserve after August 2, 1990 in an area designated as a combat
9 zone by the President of the United States.

10 (c) "State institution of higher education" means a public
11 community or junior college established under section 7 of

1 article VIII of the state constitution of 1963 or part 25 of the
2 school code of 1976, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976,
3 being sections 380.1601 to 380.1607 of the Michigan Compiled
4 Laws, or a state university described in section 4, 5, or 6 of
5 article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.

6 Sec. 3. (1) A state institution of higher education shall
7 waive tuition and mandatory fees for each Michigan Persian Gulf
8 veteran if he or she meets all of the following requirements:

9 (a) Applies and qualifies for admission as a full-time,
10 part-time, or summer school student.

11 (b) Is a legal resident of the state for not less than the
12 12 consecutive months before applying.

13 (c) Applies to the department for tuition and fee waiver
14 under this act and provides evidence satisfactory to the depart-
15 ment that he or she is a Michigan Persian Gulf veteran and that
16 he or she meets the other requirements of this section.

17 (d) Submits his or her initial application for the waiver to
18 the department not later than 5 years after the effective date of
19 this act.

20 (2) A Michigan Persian Gulf veteran remains eligible for the
21 tuition and fee waiver under this act for a period of 5 years
22 from the beginning of the term or semester in which he or she
23 first receives a tuition and fee waiver under this act.

24 Sec. 4. Upon application by the institution, the department
25 shall reimburse annually each state institution of higher educa-
26 tion for the total amount of tuition and fees waived during the
27 immediately preceding fiscal year under section 3. The

1 department shall report annually to the legislature the number of
2 individuals for whom tuition and fees have been waived at each
3 institution and the total amounts to be paid under this act.

4 Sec. 5. The department shall provide the necessary forms
5 and applications and shall cooperate with the state institutions
6 of higher education in developing efficient procedures for imple-
7 menting this act.

8 Sec. 6. The legislature shall appropriate annually the
9 funds necessary to implement this act.