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**NATIONAL GUARD RETIRANT'S
SURVIVING SPOUSE PENSION**

House Bill 5172

Sponsor: Rep. Robert DeMars

Committee: Appropriations

Complete to 6-26-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5172 AS INTRODUCED 9-28-95

The Michigan Military Act generally provides that a person qualifies for a retirement pension of \$600 per year upon retiring and reaching age 62 as long as he or she has completed at least 20 years of active service with the national guard or defense force, or both, although retirants who meet the length-of-service requirement and certain other criteria qualify to receive this annual amount at age 55. In addition, the act currently provides for the surviving spouse of a qualifying retirant who dies to receive \$300 per year until death. Under the bill, a person would qualify for the \$300 annual pension as a surviving spouse merely upon the death (regardless of age) of someone with at least 20 years of active service with the national guard or defense force, or both.

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