



SENATE BILL No. 257

February 14, 1995, Introduced by Senators STEIL, ROGERS, DE GROW, KOIVISTO, GOUGEON, STILLE, SCHUETTE, BYRUM and SHUGARS and referred to the Committee on Human Resources, Labor and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend section 4 of Act No. 9 of the Public Acts of the First Extra Session of 1946, entitled as amended

"An act to create the Michigan veterans' trust fund, and to define who shall be eligible to receive assistance therefrom; to provide for the disbursement of the income thereof and surplus therein; to create a board of trustees, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for county and district committees, and their powers, duties, and expenses; to prescribe penalties; and to make appropriations to carry out the provisions of this act,"

being section 35.604 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 4 of the Act No. 9 of the Public Acts of
2 the First Extra Session of 1946, being section 35.604 of the
3 Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 4. (1) The board of trustees ~~shall be~~ IS a
5 policy-making body ~~—~~ on the state level, and ~~shall have~~ HAS
6 the following powers and duties:

1 (a) To determine the purposes for which available moneys in
2 the trust fund in excess of \$50,000,000 are to be allocated to
3 the several veterans' county and district committees. ~~---~~

4 (b) To allocate part or all of available moneys in the trust
5 fund in excess of \$50,000,000 to the several veterans' county and
6 district committees, and to disburse ~~said~~ THOSE allocations
7 from time to time on the basis of need. ~~---~~

8 (c) To prescribe rules governing the granting of assistance
9 to Michigan veterans, their unremarried widows and dependents on
10 the basis of need, including the prescribing of the necessary
11 forms and the making of necessary reports and accounting. ~~---~~
12 ~~the purposes of the administration of~~ AS USED IN this act,
13 ~~dependents shall be considered to be any persons~~ "DEPENDENT" IS
14 ANY PERSON legally entitled to look to the veteran for his or her
15 support. ~~---~~

16 (d) To collect data and information as to the facilities and
17 services available to Michigan veterans and disseminate ~~the~~
18 ~~same~~ THAT DATA AND INFORMATION to veterans' organizations and
19 individual veterans ~~:- Provided, however, That in no event shall~~
20 ~~more~~ FOR A COST TO THE TRUST FUND THAT IS NOT GREATER than
21 \$5,000.00 ~~be expended for this purpose in~~ any 1 year. ~~---~~

22 (e) To do all acts necessary in ~~carrying out the provisions~~
23 ~~of~~ IMPLEMENTING this act. ~~---~~

24 (f) To receive, ~~and~~ accept, AND USE gifts and donations of
25 ~~property,~~ real or personal ~~,~~ and shall hold, use and apply the
26 ~~property so received for purposes set forth in~~ PROPERTY IN
27 ACCORDANCE WITH the instrument of ~~gift and in accordance with~~

1 ~~the provisions of such instrument and subject to the conditions~~
2 ~~and limitations, if any, therein expressed,~~ CONVEYANCE OF THAT
3 PROPERTY, if the ~~purposes limited by such gifts~~ TERMS OF THE
4 INSTRUMENT OF CONVEYANCE are within the purposes of this act. ~~7~~

5 (g) To submit to the governor a quarterly fiscal report and
6 an annual report of operations and such other reports as may be
7 requested by the governor covering the activities of the board.

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9 (H) TO REVIEW THE ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF
10 TRUSTEES BY EACH SOLDIERS' RELIEF COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION
11 5 OF ACT NO. 214 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1899, BEING SECTION 35.25
12 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, AND WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT
13 OF THAT ANNUAL REPORT SUBMIT A COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
14 STANDING COMMITTEE OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT HAS
15 RESPONSIBILITY FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

16 (2) ~~(h)~~ The Michigan veterans' trust fund board of trust-
17 ees shall not ~~be empowered to~~ file application for or ~~to~~
18 prosecute the claim of any individual for any benefit accruing to
19 ~~such~~ THAT individual under the laws administered by the United
20 States veterans' administration.

21 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
22 Senate Bill No. 256
23 of the 88th Legislature is enacted into law.