

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5091**

A bill to strongly encourage state agencies and units of local government to exercise their constitutional ability to place the national motto in or on public buildings or land in this state.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "State agency" means a department, board, commission,
3 office, agency, authority, or other unit of state government.
4 State agency includes a state institution of higher education.

5 (b) "Unit of local government" means a political subdivision
6 of this state, including school districts, community college dis-
7 tricts, intermediate school districts, public school academies,
8 cities, villages, townships, counties, and authorities, if the
9 political subdivision has as its primary purpose the providing of
10 local governmental service for citizens in a geographically

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1 limited area of the state and has the power to act primarily on
2 behalf of that area.

3 Sec. 2. This state strongly encourages each state agency
4 and unit of local government to exercise their constitutional
5 ability to place the national motto "In God We Trust" in or on
6 public
6 buildings or land owned or occupied by that state agency or unit of
7 local
7 government.