

# HOUSE BILL No. 5091

September 25, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Ehardt, Raczkowski, Sanborn, Richardville, Hummel, Gilbert, Patterson, Jelinek, Bishop, Kooiman, Gosselin, Howell, Newell, Julian, Cameron Brown, George, Van Woerkom, Kuipers, Vander Roest, Woronchak, Kowall, DeRossett, Middaugh, Mortimer, Faunce, Mead, Meyer, Allen, Jansen, Drolet, Hart, Pumford, Ruth Johnson, Voorhees, Pappageorge, DeWeese, Stewart, Shackleton, DeVuyst, Bovin and Birkholz and referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Operations.

A bill to allow state agencies and units of local government to place the national motto in public buildings 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  
11 limited area of the state and has the power to act primarily on  
12 behalf of that area.

1       Sec. 2. A state agency or a unit of local government may  
2 place the national motto "In God We Trust" in a public building  
3 owned or occupied by that state agency or unit of local  
4 government.