

# HOUSE BILL No. 5342

February 10, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Theis, Barrett and Lucido and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 1974 PA 106, entitled

"An act to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state and to pledge the full faith and credit of the state for the payment of principal and interest thereon for a service bonus for certain veterans; to provide for other matters relating to the bonds and the use of the proceeds of sale of the bonds; and to provide for the submission of the question of the issuance of the bonds to the electors of the state,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 35.1001).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. When used in this act:

2           (a) "Period of service" means that period of time between  
3 12:01 a.m., January 1, 1961 and 12:01 a.m., September 1, 1973.

4           (b) "Veteran" means ~~a person who completed~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**  
5 **MEETS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

6           (i) **IS A VETERAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF 1965 PA 190, MCL**  
7 **35.61.**

8           (ii) **HAS COMPLETED** at least ~~190~~**180** days of honorable service

1 or died during the period of service from service-connected causes  
2 in the military, naval, marine, or coast guard forces of the United  
3 States including the auxiliary branches thereof, was a resident of  
4 the state for at least 6 months before entering therein, and has  
5 not applied for and received similar benefits from another state.  
6 The ~~190~~180 days required active duty does not include a period  
7 when assigned full-time by the armed forces to a civilian  
8 institution for a course substantially the same as a course offered  
9 to civilians; served as a cadet or midshipman at a service academy,  
10 or active duty for training in an enlistment in the army or air  
11 national guard or as a reserve for service in the army, navy, air  
12 force, marine corps, or coast guard reserve.

13 (c) "Beneficiary" means in relation to a deceased veteran the  
14 surviving husband or wife, child or children, or the dependent  
15 surviving mother or father, in the order named which determination  
16 may be made by the probate court of the county of residence of the  
17 veteran at the time of death.

18 (d) "Honorable service" means that service as evidenced by:

19 (i) Honorable or general discharge, or separation under  
20 honorable conditions.

21 (ii) In the case of a serviceman who has not been discharged a  
22 certificate from the appropriate service authority that a  
23 serviceman did qualify under subparagraph (i) as if the veteran was  
24 being discharged or separated.

25 (e) "Combat veteran" means a veteran eligible to wear the  
26 Vietnam service medal or armed forces expeditionary medal.

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

1 after the date it is enacted into law.

2 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
3 unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5332 (request no.  
4 02698'15 \*) of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.