

# Legislative Analysis



## RECOGNITION OF VETERANS IN STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

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**Senate Bill 1177 as reported from House committee**

**Sponsor: Sen. Margaret E. O'Brien**

**House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Senate Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security**

**Complete to 12-19-18**

*(Enacted as Public Act 629 of 2018)*

### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1177 would amend Public Act 8 of 1897 to require the Michigan State Capitol Commission to do all of the following:

- Provide within the State Capitol Building recognition for the contributions of veterans to this state.
- Display within the State Capitol Building one or more suitable plaques commemorating the Grand Army of the Republic and the services of Michigan residents in the Armed Forces of the United States and the Michigan National Guard.

The bill would also remove outdated provisions that, among other things, designated a room in the State Capitol Building as the Michigan veterans' headquarters and provided for the compensation of its custodian.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

MCL 32.231 and 35.232

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION:

The House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs reported the Senate-passed version of the bill without amendment.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would result in minor costs to the Michigan State Capitol Commission within the legislature to support the cost of one or more commemorative plaques. Necessary funds would be available from the Michigan State Capitol Historic Site Fund for maintenance and improvement of the State Capitol.

**POSITIONS:**

A representative of the Michigan State Capitol Commission testified in support of the bill. (12-19-18)

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency indicated support for the bill. (12-19-18)

The Michigan American Legion indicated support for the bill. (12-19-18)

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