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Senate Bill 434 (as introduced 6-7-17)
Sponsor: Senator Peter MacGregor
Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 198 of 2016, which created the office of the Michigan Veterans' Facility Ombudsman, to include in the definition of "Michigan veterans' facility" any other facility for the care of veterans constructed or established after the bill's effective date.

Public Act 198 prescribes the powers and duties of the Michigan Veterans' Facility Ombudsman. Among other things, the Ombudsman may commence an investigation upon his or her own initiative or upon receiving a complaint pertaining to an administrative act, medical treatment of a resident veteran, or a condition existing at a facility that poses a significant health or safety issue for which there is no effective administrative remedy or is alleged to be contrary to law or Department of Military and Veterans Affairs policy.

"Michigan veterans' facility" or "facility" means a Michigan veterans' facility established under Public Act 152 of 1885 (a long-term care facility and ancillary facilities for veterans and their dependents). Under the bill, the term would include any other facility for the care of veterans that is constructed or established after the bill's effective date.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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