

# HOUSE BILL No. 5401

January 11, 2018, Introduced by Rep. Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 2016 PA 560, entitled  
"Michigan veterans' facility authority act,"  
by amending section 6 (MCL 36.106).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 6. (1) The authority shall have all of the following  
2 powers:

3       (a) To solicit and accept gifts, grants, and loans from any  
4 person.

5       (b) To invest any money of the authority at the authority's  
6 discretion, in any obligations determined proper by the authority,  
7 and name and use depositories for its money.

8       (c) To procure insurance against any loss in connection with  
9 the property, assets, or activities of the authority.

10       (d) To sue and be sued, to have a seal, and to make, execute,

1 and deliver contracts, conveyances, and other instruments necessary  
2 to the exercise of the authority's powers.

3 (e) To make and amend bylaws.

4 (f) To employ and contract with individuals necessary for the  
5 operation of the authority and 1 or more veterans' facilities.

6 (g) To make and execute contracts including without limitation  
7 sale agreements, trust agreements, trust indentures, bond purchase  
8 agreements, tax regulatory agreements, continuing disclosure  
9 agreements, ancillary facilities, and all other instruments  
10 necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers and  
11 functions, and commence any action to protect or enforce any right  
12 conferred upon it by any law, contract or other agreement.

13 (h) To engage the services of financial advisors and experts,  
14 legal counsel, placement agents, underwriters, appraisers and other  
15 advisors, consultants, and fiduciaries as may be necessary to  
16 effectuate the purposes of this act.

17 (i) To pay its operating expenses and financing costs.

18 (j) To pledge revenues or other assets as security for the  
19 payment of the principal of and interest on any bonds.

20 (k) To procure insurance, letters of credit, or other credit  
21 enhancement with respect to any bonds for the payment of tenders of  
22 bonds, or for the payment upon maturity of short-term bonds.

23 (l) To develop or operate 1 or more veterans' facilities.

24 (m) To solicit federal funds and other funding sources to  
25 develop veterans' facilities.

26 (n) To do any and all things necessary or convenient to carry  
27 out its purposes and exercise the powers expressly given and

1 granted in this act.

2 (2) When hiring employees for a veterans' facility, the  
3 authority shall give preference to employees currently employed by  
4 the Michigan veterans' facility under 1885 PA 152, MCL 36.1 to  
5 36.12.

6 (3) In determining the operation and staffing of a veterans'  
7 facility, the authority shall do both of the following:

8 (a) Consider nationally recognized models and guidelines for  
9 the delivery of health care in veterans' facilities.

10 (b) Follow rules and regulations of the civil service  
11 commission.

12 **(4) THE AUTHORITY SHALL CAUSE THE WATER AT EACH VETERANS'**  
13 **FACILITY OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY TO BE SAMPLED AND TESTED ON A**  
14 **MONTHLY BASIS FOR THE PRESENCE OF LEAD AND ALL OTHER SUBSTANCES FOR**  
15 **WHICH THERE IS A STATE DRINKING WATER STANDARD ESTABLISHED UNDER**  
16 **THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT, 1976 PA 399, MCL 325.1001 TO 325.1023,**  
17 **TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE WATER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THAT ACT.**