

SENATE BILL No. 1053

June 6, 2018, Introduced by Senators HOPGOOD, BIEDA, NOFS, HANSEN, SCHMIDT, O'BRIEN, YOUNG, GREGORY, CONYERS, HOOD and KNEZEK and referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to designate July 16 of each year as Atomic Veterans Day in this state.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. July 16 of each year shall be known as "Atomic
2 Veterans Day" in honor of the veterans of the United States Armed
3 Forces who, in the exercise of their duties or in the course of
4 their service, were exposed to a radiation exposure and
5 contamination event. The honored veterans include those who are
6 designated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as
7 "Atomic Veterans" for service as part of the occupation forces
8 assigned to, or who were prisoners of war housed near, Hiroshima
9 and Nagasaki, Japan, after the detonation of atomic bombs over
10 those cities. The honored veterans include those who were involved
11 in radiation exposure events, including post-test events related to

1 nuclear weapon devices detonated aboveground and underground or in
2 shafts, or whose duties involved regular use of radiation-producing
3 equipment or processes, such as power plant technicians aboard
4 nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines, X-ray
5 technicians, and those assigned to the Enewetak Atoll radiation
6 cleanup projects.

7 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 90 days after the
8 date it is enacted into law.