

HOUSE BILL NO. 6081

May 05, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Bezotte, Borton, LaFave, Hood, Liberati, Aiyash, Steenland, O'Malley, Eisen, Young, Yaroach, Bellino and Markkanen and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 2016 PA 198, entitled

"An act to create the office of the Michigan veterans' facility ombudsman; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the office, the ombudsman, the legislative council, and the department of military and veterans affairs,"

by amending section 4 (MCL 4.774).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. (1) The ombudsman may commence an investigation upon
2 his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a complaint from a
3 complainant concerning an administrative act, medical treatment of
4 a resident veteran, or a condition existing at a facility that
5 poses a significant health or safety issue for which there is no
6 effective administrative remedy or is alleged to be contrary to law
7 or departmental policy.

8 **(2) The ombudsman may immediately commence an independent**
9 **investigation of a report of abuse upon receipt of the report of**
10 **abuse.**

11 **(3) The ombudsman may interview any of the following**
12 **individuals whom the ombudsman considers necessary in an**
13 **investigation under this section:**

14 (a) An individual employed by or retained under contract by
15 the department.

16 (b) An individual employed by or retained under contract by a
17 private contractor that operates a facility that houses resident
18 veterans.

19 **(c) An individual who has personal knowledge of the events**
20 **described in a report of abuse.**

21 **(4) ~~(2)~~**Subject to approval of the council, the ombudsman
22 shall establish procedures for receiving and processing complaints
23 **under subsection (1) and reports of abuse under subsection (2),**
24 conducting investigations, holding hearings, and reporting the
25 findings resulting from the investigations.

26 **(5) If the department or an employee of a facility receives a**
27 **report of abuse, the department or employee of a facility shall**
28 **forward a written copy of that report of abuse to the ombudsman.**

1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
2 unless all of the following bills of the 101st Legislature are
3 enacted into law:

4 (a) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 6080 (request no.
5 04734'21 *).

6 (b) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 6082 (request no.
7 05349'22).

8 (c) Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No.____ (request no.
9 05788'22).