

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6083

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

A bill to require certain state and local governmental officers and entities to notify a county department of veterans' affairs or county board of commissioners of a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a veteran; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "veteran abuse reporting  
2 act".

3       Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4       (a) "County department of veterans' affairs" means a county  
5 department of veterans' affairs created under 1953 PA 192, MCL  
6 35.621 to 35.624.

7       (b) "Report of abuse" means a report of suspected or alleged  
8 abuse, neglect, or exploitation, as those terms are defined in  
9 section 11 of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.11,  
10 concerning a veteran.

11       (c) "Veteran" means that term as defined in section 1 of 1965  
12 PA 190, MCL 35.61.

13       Sec. 5. (1) If a state department, a state or local law  
14 enforcement agency, or a prosecutor receives a report of abuse, the  
15 state department, state or local law enforcement agency, or  
16 prosecutor shall notify 1 of the following not later than 24 hours  
17 after receiving the report of abuse:

18       (a) The county department of veterans' affairs of the county  
19 in which the report of abuse occurred.

20       (b) If the county in which the report of abuse occurred has  
21 not created a county department of veterans' affairs, the county  
22 board of commissioners.

23       (2) The notice provided under subsection (1) must include the  
24 name of the veteran and a description of the suspected or alleged  
25 abuse, neglect, or exploitation contained in the report of abuse.  
26 If possible, the notice must include the veteran's age and the name  
27 and address of the veteran's guardian or next of kin. The notice  
28 must include other available information that may establish the  
29 cause of the suspected or alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation

1 and the manner in which the suspected or alleged abuse, neglect, or  
2 exploitation occurred or is occurring.

3 Sec. 7. (1) If a county department of veterans' affairs  
4 receives a notice of a report of abuse under section 5, the county  
5 department of veterans' affairs shall proceed as required by  
6 section 3b of 1953 PA 192, MCL 35.623b.

7 (2) If a county board of commissioners receives a notice of a  
8 report of abuse under section 5, the county board of commissioners  
9 shall do both of the following:

10 (a) Contact the veteran identified in the report of abuse  
11 directly or contact the veteran's legal guardian or an individual  
12 with power of attorney for the veteran.

13 (b) Refer the veteran to services administered by the  
14 department of military and veterans affairs.

15 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless  
16 Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 6084(request no. 04646'21 a  
17 \*) of the 101st Legislature is enacted into law.