# MICHIGAN MILITARY ACT (EXCERPT) Act 150 of 1967

# CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 32.501 Michigan military act; short title.

Sec. 101. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Michigan military act".

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

#### 32.503 Michigan military act; intent, construction.

Sec. 103. It is the intent of this act and other acts of this state affecting the Michigan national guard, the Michigan defense force and the unorganized militia to conform to applicable acts and regulations of the United States. The laws of this state shall be construed to effect this intent, and anything to the contrary shall be held to be null and void as long as the subject matter shall have been acted upon by the United States. Upon any subject not acted upon with reference to these matters by the United States, any law or regulation of this state shall be in full force and effect.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

#### 32.505 Definitions.

Sec. 105. The definitions used in the command, administration, supply, training, discipline, deployment, and employment of the armed forces of the United States, unless clearly inapplicable or contradictory, are adopted with respect to the state military establishment except as otherwise provided in this act. As used in this act:

- (a) "Military" means a reference to all components of the state military establishment.
- (b) "Michigan national guard" means the army national guard and the air national guard.
- (c) "Commander-in-chief" means the governor of this state.
- (d) "Active state service", as applied to the national guard and the defense force, means military service in support of civil authorities, at the request of state or local authorities, including, but not limited to, support in the enforcement of laws prohibiting the importation, sale, delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance, if ordered by the governor or as otherwise provided in this act.
- (e) "Special duty" means military service in support of the full-time operation of the state military establishment for a period of not less than 1 day if ordered by competent authority.
- (f) "Active service" means service, including active state service and special duty required by law, regulation, or pursuant to order of the governor. Active service includes continuing service of an active member of the national guard and the defense force in fulfilling that active member's commission, appointment, or enlistment.
- (g) "Inactive status" means the status of those members of the national guard who are listed on an inactive list authorized by a federal statute or regulation.
- (h) "In the service of the United States" and "not in the service of the United States" mean the same as those terms are used and construed under federal laws and regulations.
- (i) "Officer" means a commissioned officer and a warrant officer, unless a distinction between commissioned officer and warrant officer is clearly evident.
- (j) "Martial law" or "martial rule" means the exercise of partial or complete military control over domestic territory in time of emergency because of public necessity.
- (k) "Armory" means a building, facility, or the lots and grounds used by an army, navy, or air unit of the national guard or organized militia as a home station or for military training.
- (l) "Military establishment" means the organized militia of this state, including the employees and equipment assigned or necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.
- (m) "Vital resource" means a public or private building, facility, property, or location that the governor considers necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state.
- (n) "Controlled substance" means that term as defined in section 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7104.

**History:** 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967;—Am. 1998, Act 212, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1998;—Am. 2002, Act 133, Eff. May 1, 2002;—Am. 2013, Act 99, Imd. Eff. July 2, 2013.

#### 32.507 Rules and regulations for administration of act; promulgation by adjutant general.

Sec. 107. The adjutant general shall promulgate rules and regulations, to be approved by the governor, necessary for administration of this act in accordance with the provisions of Act. No. 88 of the Public Acts of Rendered Monday, July 7, 2025

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1943, as amended, being sections 24.71 to 24.80 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, and subject to Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1952, as amended, being sections 24.101 to 24.110 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

Administrative rules: R 32.1 et seq. and R 32.151 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

# 32.509 State military establishment; composition; organized and unorganized militia.

Sec. 109. The organized militia of this state taken collectively shall be known as the state military establishment and constitutes the armed forces of this state. The organized militia consists of the army national guard, the air national guard, and the defense force when actually in existence as provided in this act. The unorganized militia consists of all other able-bodied citizens of this state and all other able-bodied citizens who are residents of this state who have or shall have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, who shall be age 17 or over and not more than age 60, and shall be subject to state military duty as provided in this act.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

## 32.511 State code of military justice; application; jury and posse comitatus duties.

Sec. 111. The state code of military justice applies to all members of the organized militia when not in active federal service. Officers and enlisted personnel of the organized militia during service in the organized militia are exempt from jury duty and service on a posse comitatus.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

#### 32.513 Officers and enlisted personnel; pay and allowances; appropriations.

Sec. 113. Officers and enlisted personnel of the state military establishment shall receive for each day spent by them on active state service under orders of the governor, who is authorized to determine when to place them on such duty, the pay and allowances provided for persons of the federal military forces of like grade or rank and years of service. Enlisted personnel so serving shall receive \$3.00 per day allowance in addition to the pay herein authorized. There is hereby appropriated each year from the general fund, the sums necessary to implement the provisions of this type active state service including logistic costs.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

# 32.514 Administrative workday and workweek during active state service or special duty; actual workday and workweek.

Sec. 114. During periods of active state service or special duty, the administrative workday shall consist of 24 hours and the administrative workweek shall consist of 7 days for officers and enlisted personnel of the state military establishment. The adjutant general shall prescribe the length of the actual workday and the days of the actual workweek within the administrative workday and workweek.

History: Add. 1975, Act 194, Imd. Eff. Aug. 11, 1975.

#### 32.515 Subsistence.

Sec. 115. Subsistence shall be furnished by the state when troops of the state military establishment are mobilized for state duty requiring the furnishing of subsistence.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

## 32.516 Expired. 1978, Act 567, Eff. Jan. 1, 1982.

Compiler's note: The expired section pertained to waiver of tuition and fees.

# 32.517 Privilege from arrest and imprisonment; exemption from levy of execution, seizure, or attachment; adjournment of pending lawsuits; forfeitures; seizure or sale of chattels; utility service.

Sec. 117. Officers and enlisted personnel on active service in excess of 7 days and when so ordered by the governor in support of civilian authority or in time of war or emergencies of this state or of the United States, in all cases, except for treason, felony, or breach of the peace are privileged from arrest and imprisonment during the time of active service and for a period of 6 months after the service ceases. Their separate property during the same period is exempt from levy of execution, seizure, or attachment for debts contracted prior to or during the service. Suits in the courts of this state including, but not limited to, all intermediate hearings in the suits, pending against any such person when he or she enters active service, or commenced at any time during the service, stand adjourned until after the termination of the service. Forfeiture of an executory contract, whether title retaining or otherwise, shall not be enforced against any such person, and seizure or sale of chattels shall not be made against such person, during service nor for 90 days after the termination of Rendered Monday, July 7, 2025

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the service. The person or his or her immediate household shall not be deprived of or denied heat, water, electricity, or gas service by any public utility serving his or her home during the first 90 days of military service by reason of unpaid bills for the commodities.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967;—Am. 2006, Act 597, Imd. Eff. Jan. 3, 2007.

## 32.519 National guard compensation board; members, appointment and duties.

Sec. 119. The governor may appoint a board of 3 national guard officers, 1 of whom shall be a medical officer to inquire into and make recommendations concerning the payment of compensation, claims, medical attention, hospital treatment, funeral expenses and other expenses not otherwise provided for in this section for a member of the state military establishment who is injured, disabled or killed during the performance of active state service or special duty. If satisfied that any injury or disability was received or death caused while in line of duty and in the performance of official duties, the board shall recommend compensation to the injured or disabled member or shall recommend payment of medical, hospital and other incidental necessary expenses or compensation to the dependents of the deceased member. Recommendations of the board shall be forwarded to the state administrative board for final determination and payment.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

#### 32.521 Line of duty; definition.

Sec. 121. "Line of duty" as used in this act means an act performed by a member of the state military establishment in obedience to or in conformity with a law, rule, regulation, order, command or custom of the military service or an act performed which is not in violation of a law, rule, regulation, order, command or custom of the military service, or that will not bring discredit to the military service. A member of the state military establishment, while on active state service or while attending to military duty required or expected of him or while exercising any personal privilege not prohibited him, by virtue of his status as a member of the military forces, is deemed to be in a line of duty status with respect to an act so done or privilege so exercised, or any happening to him, unless it be shown that such act or happening was on his part in disobedience to some law, rule, regulation, lawful command or order applicable to him, or was the result of his own misconduct. The fact that the member is on leave, pass or furlough status does not preclude an act of, or happening to, the member from being as in line of duty.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

#### 32.523 Line of duty; construction, presumptions.

Sec. 123. In construing the term "line of duty" the recorded opinions of the judge advocate general of the United States armed forces in like cases or circumstances or involving like principles, insofar as not contrary to this act, shall govern and be applied to line of duty cases arising under this act. Actions of members of the state military establishment while on duty are presumed to be in line of duty unless clearly shown to have been otherwise, under the provisions of this act.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

#### 32.525 Duty; construction.

Sec. 125. "Duty" also includes the time necessary for a member of the state military establishment to go from his usual residence or place of business or employment to respond to a call to duty, and the time necessary to return from the place of duty to his usual residence or place of business or employment, after the duty has been performed.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

# 32.527 Leave accrual during active state service or special duty; leave without pay.

Sec. 127. (1) Officers and enlisted personnel of the state military establishment while on active state service or special duty, under the provisions of this act or on orders of the governor, shall accrue leave as provided members of the United States armed forces.

(2) Leave without pay may be authorized by the adjutant general as provided in section 328.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967;—Am. 1975, Act 194, Imd. Eff. Aug. 11, 1975.

#### 32.529 Officers and enlisted personnel; continuation until expiration of term.

Sec. 129. Officers and enlisted personnel in the state military establishment when this act takes effect shall continue in office and remain in the service until the expiration of their terms of office or enlistment, unless otherwise provided by this act.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

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## 32.531 Officers' bonds; force and effect.

Sec. 131. The bond of an officer who has heretofore given a bond by virtue of any law concerning the militia shall remain in full force and effect according to its terms.

History: 1967, Act 150, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1967.

# 32.533 Repealed. 2013, Act 99, Imd. Eff. July 2, 2013.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to tenure of senior line officer serving in grade of major general.