

HOUSE BILL NO. 5260

November 12, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Fitzgerald, Xiong, Young, Byrnes, B. Carter, Price, Neeley, McKinney, Witwer, Tate, Weiss, Breen, Paiz, Glanville, O'Neal, Longjohn, T. Carter, Koleszar, McFall, Liberati and Wooden and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1946 (1st Ex Sess) PA 9, entitled

"An act to create the Michigan veterans' trust fund, and to define who shall be eligible to receive assistance therefrom; to provide for the disbursement of the income thereof and surplus therein; to create a board of trustees, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for county and district committees, and their powers, duties, and expenses; to prescribe penalties; and to make appropriations to carry out the provisions of this act,"

by amending sections 3b and 4b (MCL 35.603b and 35.604b), section 3b as added by 2011 PA 282 and section 4b as added by 1995 PA 27.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3b. (1) ~~There is created a~~ **The** Michigan veterans' trust

1 fund board of trustees **is created**. Each member of the board ~~shall~~
 2 **must** be a veteran ~~. Each member appointed shall and~~ have
 3 demonstrated knowledge, skills, and experience in public service,
 4 business, or finance. Members ~~shall~~**must** be appointed as follows:

5 (a) One representative of the American ~~legion~~**Legion**.

6 (b) One representative of the ~~veterans~~**Veterans** of ~~foreign~~
 7 ~~Wars~~**Foreign Wars** of the United States.

8 (c) One representative of the ~~disabled~~**Disabled** American
 9 ~~veterans~~**Veterans**.

10 (d) One representative of ~~any other~~**a** congressionally
 11 chartered veterans' organization other than ~~those organizations~~**an**
 12 **organization** identified in subdivision (a), (b), or (c).

13 (e) Three independent members who may ~~or may not~~ be a member
 14 of 1 or more congressionally chartered veterans' organizations, but
 15 who ~~shall~~**do** not represent any congressionally chartered veterans'
 16 organization of which they are a member.

17 (2) The **governor shall appoint the** members ~~shall be appointed~~
 18 ~~by the governor. of the board~~. Each member shall hold office for
 19 the term of 3 years from the time of ~~his or her~~**that member's**
 20 appointment and shall continue to hold office at the pleasure of
 21 the governor. The **governor shall appoint the** members enumerated in
 22 subsection (1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) ~~shall be appointed by the~~
 23 ~~governor from the~~**an** original list of at least 3 individuals
 24 recommended by each respective organization named in subsection
 25 (1)(a), (b), (c), and (d).

26 (3) Each member of the board shall qualify by taking and
 27 filing the constitutional oath of office.

28 (4) The governor may remove any member of the board for
 29 misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, after hearing.

1 Missing 3 or more consecutive meetings ~~shall be~~ **is** considered
 2 malfeasance and is grounds for removal.

3 (5) If a vacancy occurs during the term of office of a member
 4 of the board, ~~of trustees,~~ the member's successor ~~shall~~ **must** be
 5 selected from the same organization and in the same manner as the
 6 original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

7 (6) The department of technology, management, and budget shall
 8 furnish suitable offices for use of the board.

9 (7) The board may employ assistants and incur necessary
 10 expenses in carrying out this act. Members of the board ~~shall~~ serve
 11 without compensation, but ~~shall be~~ **are** entitled to actual and
 12 necessary expenses incurred in attending scheduled meetings of the
 13 board in accordance with the accounting laws of this state.

14 (8) As used in this act:

15 ~~(a) "Board" means the Michigan veterans' trust fund board of~~
 16 ~~trustees created in subsection (1).~~

17 ~~(b) "Veteran"~~ **section, "veteran"** means that term as defined in
 18 section 1 of 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61.

19 Sec. 4b. **(1)** The board ~~of trustees~~ shall administer the
 20 Michigan veterans' trust fund established under section 37 of
 21 article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

22 **(2) Money in the Michigan veterans' trust fund must not be**
 23 **transferred, borrowed, expended, withdrawn, or otherwise**
 24 **distributed except as provided under this act and in sections 37**
 25 **and 39 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.**

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
 27 unless House Bill No. 5273 (request no. H01427'25) of the 103rd
 28 Legislature is enacted into law.