

HOUSE BILL NO. 5263

November 12, 2025, Introduced by Reps. MacDonell, Rogers, Neeley, Brixie, Dievendorf, Xiong, Byrnes, Young, B. Carter, Morgan, Price, Longjohn, McKinney, Witwer, Tate, Liberati, Weiss, Tsernoglou, Steckloff, Paiz, Scott, Mentzer, O'Neal, Glanville, T. Carter, Andrews, Miller, McFall, Koleszar, Wooden and Breen and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

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~~ **the ombudsman's** own initiative or upon receipt of a
3 complaint from a complainant concerning an administrative act,
4 medical treatment of a resident veteran, or a condition existing at
5 a facility that poses a significant health or safety issue for
6 which there is no effective administrative remedy or is alleged to
7 be contrary to law 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.**

29 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect

1 unless all of the following bills of the 103rd Legislature are
2 enacted into law:

- 3 (a) House Bill No. 5267 (request no. H04348'25).
- 4 (b) House Bill No. 5268 (request no. H04350'25).
- 5 (c) House Bill No. 5269 (request no. H04351'25).
- 6 (d) House Bill No. ____ (request no. H04352'25).