

HOUSE BILL NO. 5269

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

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. If a county department of veterans' affairs or county
4 board of commissioners receives a notice of a report of abuse under
5 section 5, the county department of veterans' affairs or county
6 board of commissioners shall do both of the following:

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

10 (b) Refer the veteran to services administered by this state's
11 department of military and veterans affairs.

12 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless all
13 of the following bills of the 103rd Legislature are enacted into
14 law:

15 (a) House Bill No. 5267(request no. H04348'25).

16 (b) House Bill No. 5263(request no. H04349'25).

17 (c) House Bill No. 5268 (request no. H04350'25).

18 (d) House Bill No. ____ (request no. H04352'25).