

HOUSE BILL NO. 5273

November 12, 2025, Introduced by Reps. T. Carter, Xiong, Morgan, Young, B. Carter, Neeley, Price, McKinney, Witwer, Tate, Weiss, Paiz, Glanville, Byrnes, O'Neal, Longjohn, Koleszar, McFall, Liberati, Wooden and Breen 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 section 2 (MCL 35.602), as amended by 2016 PA 217; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. As used in this act: ~~"veteran"~~

(a) "Board" means the Michigan veterans' trust fund board of trustees created in section 3b.

(b) "Veteran" means an individual who meets all of the following:

(i) ~~(a)~~ Is a veteran as defined in section 1 of 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61.

(ii) ~~(b)~~ Is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident of this state immediately ~~prior to~~ **before** entering the United States Armed Forces. However, an individual whose legal residence was in this state ~~prior to~~ **before** entering the United States Armed Forces does not meet the requirement of this subdivision if ~~he or she~~ **the individual** leaves this state for a period of time exceeding 2 years.

(iii) ~~(c)~~ ~~He or she~~ **The individual** served in active service in the United States Armed Forces ~~during a period of war~~ for at least 180 days and was honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. However, an individual who separated from the United States Armed Forces for reason of physical or mental disability incurred in the line of duty ~~prior to~~ **before** the completion of 180 days' service is considered to meet the requirement of this subdivision. ~~As used in this subdivision, "period of war" means that phrase as described in 38 CFR 3.2, except that for purposes of this subdivision, "period of war" for the Vietnam era means the~~ following:

~~(i) February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 for a veteran who served during that period.~~

~~(ii) On or after January 31, 1955 in an area of hazardous duty for which the veteran received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or Vietnam Service Medal.~~

1 Enacting section 1. Section 4a of 1946 (1st Ex Sess) PA 9, MCL
2 35.604a, is repealed.

3 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
4 unless House Bill No. 5260(request no. H01426'25) of the 103rd
5 Legislature is enacted into law.