

HOUSE BILL No. 4904

June 10, 1997, Introduced by Reps. Schermesser, Goschka, Hanley, DeHart, Hale, McBryde, Leland, Kelly, Wojno, Prusi and Parks and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

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).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. For the purposes of ~~the administration of~~ this
2 act, a Michigan veteran IS A VETERAN as THAT TERM IS defined by
3 ~~Act No. 190 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, shall be~~
4 ~~deemed to be a person, male or female,~~ 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61 TO
5 35.62, whose legal residence immediately prior to entering ~~the~~
6 service IN THE ARMED FORCES OR MERCHANT MARINES OF THE UNITED
7 STATES was in Michigan, ~~who~~ IF BY INDUCTION, ENLISTMENT,

1 COMMISSION, WARRANT, OR OTHER MEANS THAT VETERAN entered ~~upon~~
2 or was in active service in the armed forces OR MERCHANT MARINES
3 of the United States ~~—~~ at any time for at least 180 days ~~from~~
4 and after the date as defined by Act No. 190 of the Public Acts
5 of 1965, as amended, being sections 35.61 and 35.62 of the
6 Michigan Compiled Laws, or Vietnam era, as determined for the
7 purposes of administration of this act, whether by induction,
8 enlistment, commission, warrant, or otherwise, and who DURING A
9 PERIOD DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 OF 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61, AND IF
10 THAT VETERAN has been honorably discharged, retired, or separated
11 ~~therefrom, or who~~ FROM THAT SERVICE OR has reverted to an inac-
12 tive status ~~therefrom~~ FROM THAT SERVICE under honorable
13 conditions. However, former members of the women's auxiliary
14 army corps who refused to accept transfer to or induction into
15 the women's army corps ~~shall not be deemed to be~~ ARE NOT
16 MICHIGAN veterans. ~~within the meaning of this definition.~~ A
17 veteran who did not have legal residence in Michigan immediately
18 prior to entering ~~the military~~ service IN THE ARMED FORCES OR
19 MERCHANT MARINES OF THE UNITED STATES may become eligible ~~to~~
20 FOR benefits ~~administered~~ under this act after ~~having~~
21 ~~established~~ ESTABLISHING a legal residence in Michigan. A vet-
22 eran whose legal residence was in Michigan prior to entering mil-
23 itary service ~~will lose~~ LOSES his OR HER rights under this act
24 by leaving this state for a period of time exceeding 2 years. A
25 person ~~who shall have been~~ separated FROM SERVICE IN THE ARMED
26 FORCES OR MERCHANT MARINES OF THE UNITED STATES for reason of
27 physical or mental disability incurred in the line of duty prior

1 to the completion of 180 ~~days~~ DAYS OF service ~~shall be~~
2 ~~considered~~ IS a veteran ~~for the purpose of the administration~~
3 ~~of~~ UNDER this act. World War II ~~shall be deemed to be~~ IS that
4 period from ~~and after~~ August 27, 1940 ~~, to the inclusive date~~
5 ~~of~~ THROUGH June 30, 1946. Grants made to eligible Michigan vet-
6 erans between June 30, 1946 ~~, and the effective date of this~~
7 ~~act~~ SEPTEMBER 23, 1949 are ~~declared~~ valid. A person otherwise
8 qualified with at least 90 days of service during World War I,
9 THE Spanish American War, or THE Mexican Wars, as THOSE TERMS ARE
10 defined in ~~Act No. 190 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended,~~
11 ~~shall be deemed~~ SECTION 1 OF 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61, IS a vet-
12 eran for the purposes of this act.

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
14 effect unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. _____
15 (request no. 01255'97) of the 89th Legislature is enacted into
16 law.