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Senate Bill 235 (as introduced 3-23-23)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Outman
Committee: Veterans and Emergency Services

(Senate-passed version)

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CONTENT

The bill would enact a new law to declare February 1 of each year as "Blue Star Mothers Day", in recognition of the contributions that Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. has made to Michigan and the nation.

The bill includes a legislative finding that "Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a national organization of mothers whose sons and daughters serve honorably in the nation's armed forces." The organization was founded in Flint, MI in 1942. The bill states that the organization's purposes and activities include the following:

- "Perpetuating the memory of the men and women who have served our country as members of the armed forces."
- "Welcoming home returning veterans."
- "Visiting wounded veterans in hospitals and rehabilitation centers."
- "Assisting in veterans' ceremonies."
- "Attending patriotic rallies and meetings."
- "Maintaining true allegiance to the government of the United States."
- "Upholding the American institutions of freedom, justice, and equal rights."
- "Caring for the unsupported mothers who gave their sons and daughters to the service of the nation."
- "Providing moral support for members."

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(Please note: This section does not provide a comprehensive account of all previous legislative efforts on the relevant subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 90 from the 2017-2018 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 90 was reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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