

# SENATE BILL No. 434

June 7, 2017, Introduced by Senators MACGREGOR, KNEZEK, STAMAS, ZORN, JONES, CONYERS, BOOHER, HILDENBRAND, PROOS, O'BRIEN, EMMONS and SCHMIDT and referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security.

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 1 (MCL 4.771).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2           (a) "Administrative act" includes an action, omission,  
3 decision, recommendation, practice, or other procedure of the  
4 department.

5           (b) "Complainant" means a resident veteran, family member of a  
6 resident veteran, legal guardian or individual with power of  
7 attorney for a resident veteran, or legislator who files a  
8 complaint under section 4.

9           (c) "Council" means the legislative council established under

1 section 15 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963.

2 (d) "Department" means the department of military and veterans  
3 affairs.

4 (e) "Legislator" means a member of the senate or the house of  
5 representatives of this state.

6 (f) "Michigan veterans' facility" or "facility" means a  
7 Michigan veterans' facility established under 1885 PA 152, MCL 36.1  
8 to 36.12, **OR ANY OTHER FACILITY FOR THE CARE OF VETERANS THAT IS**  
9 **CONSTRUCTED OR ESTABLISHED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE**  
10 **AMENDATORY ACT THAT AMENDED THIS SUBDIVISION.**

11 (g) "Office" means the office of the Michigan veterans'  
12 facility ombudsman created under this act.

13 (h) "Ombudsman" means the Michigan veterans' facility  
14 ombudsman.

15 (i) "Resident veteran" means a veteran who is a resident of a  
16 Michigan veterans' facility or an individual who is a resident of a  
17 Michigan veterans' facility by virtue of the individual's  
18 relationship with a veteran.

19 (j) "Veteran" means that term as defined in section 2a of 1885  
20 PA 152, MCL 36.2a.