



**State Representative**  
**SAL ROCCA**  
**R-30th Representative District**



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**Committees:** Regulatory Reform (Chair); Conservation and Outdoor Recreation; Health Policy; Senior Health, Security and Retirement

**Biography:** Representative Sal Rocca, Republican of Sterling Heights, was born October 29, 1946, at Casalviere, Italy, to Virginia and Ororio Rocca. When Sal was six years of age, the Rocca family immigrated to Windsor, Ontario, a stepping stone on the way to the United States. The Rocca family immigrated to the United States when Sal was 13, setting up residency in Detroit, Michigan. He attended St. Ambrose Catholic School, Jackson Junior High, Southeastern High School in Detroit, and the industrial technology program at Cass Tech and Macomb Community College. He completed the real estate institute program (G.R.I. certificate) offered in conjunction with the University of Michigan and the Michigan Association of Realtors. In 1968, he moved to Warren, Michigan and, in 1972, to Sterling Heights. His employment record is as diverse as his background. Sal worked as a fruit and vegetable peddler at the age of seven, started his own sales business at 13, and worked as a journeyman skilled tradesman for General Motors after high school graduation. Currently, he is a licensed real estate broker in Michigan, but his business is on inactive status in order to devote full time and energy to duties and responsibilities as a State Representative. He is married to the former State Representative Sue Rocca; two children, Michael Christopher and Tory Matthew. Sal Rocca is a parishioner at St. Blase Catholic Church (Sterling Heights) and a member of the Macomb County Association for Retarded Citizens, Detroit Institute of Arts, United Auto Workers, Keep Michigan Beautiful, National Rifle Association, and Vietnam Veterans of America. During his legislative career, Representative Rocca has authored numerous laws, including the Michigan Great Lakes Bottomlands Preserves Act, Gasoline Tanker Truck Safety legislation, the Michigan Charter Boat Act, the Prisoner Reimbursement Act, and the Vietnam Veteran Memorial

Monument legislation. Representative Rocca's principal focus has been constituent services and resolving problems for the citizens of his district. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1974 and served until 1980 and again from 1983 through 1994. He served on the Macomb County Board of Commissioners from 1995 to 2000. In 2000, Sal Rocca was again elected to the Michigan House of Representatives and was re-elected in 2002. Currently in his 11th term, Sal Rocca serves as "Dean of the House."

