

# HOUSE BILL No. 4477

April 15, 1999, Introduced by Reps. Patterson, Richardville, Julian, Howell, LaSata, Caul, Koetje, DeRossett, Mead, Bisbee, Gilbert, DeVuyst, Rick Johnson, Faunce, DeWeese, Voorhees, Van Woerkom, Hart, Garcia, Allen, Sanborn, Geiger, Bradstreet, Woronchak, Mortimer, Richner, Kukuk, Kelly, Mans, Gosselin, Toy, Tabor, Bovin and Scranton and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

A bill to provide for a military veterans cemetery; to authorize the purchase of land and to designate state land for a veterans cemetery; to receive and expend federal grants for a veterans cemetery; to prescribe duties for certain state officers; and to provide for an appropriation.

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

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "state veterans cemetery act".

3       Sec. 2. (1) The department of military and veterans affairs  
4 is authorized to acquire and purchase land suitable for a veter-  
5 ans cemetery and to accept money or gifts from any source for  
6 that purpose.

7       (2) The veterans affairs directorate of the department of  
8 military and veterans affairs shall apply for and accept all  
9 grants available under the national cemetery system pursuant to

1 section 2408 of title 38 of the United States Code, 38

2 U.S.C. 2408.

3       Sec. 3. The veterans affairs directorate shall administer a  
4 veterans cemetery created under this act.

5       Sec. 4. The veterans affairs directorate shall comply with  
6 all federal laws and regulations in administering a cemetery cre-  
7 ated under this act.

8       Sec. 5. The legislature shall appropriate sufficient money  
9 to accomplish the purpose of this act.