

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6119**

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled  
"Legislative council act,"  
(MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 115.

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

1           **Sec. 115. (1) Under the Michigan legislative state medal**  
2   **program established under section 113, the legislature may award**  
3   **the Michigan legislative medal of honor.**

4           **(2) The Michigan legislative medal of honor is the highest**  
5   **legislatively issued military award of this state. All of the**  
6   **following apply to the awarding of the medal:**

7           **(a) The medal may be awarded to a living or deceased service**  
8   **member who satisfies any of the following requirements:**

9           **(i) Was born in this state.**



1           (ii) Was a resident of this state when the service member  
2 entered military service.

3           (iii) Died in this state.

4           (b) The medal must be awarded to a service member who  
5 voluntarily performs a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice  
6 involving risk of life that is so conspicuous as to clearly  
7 distinguish the service member for gallantry and intrepidity above  
8 the service member's comrades. Awarding of the medal must be  
9 determined in accordance with the standard of extraordinary merit.  
10 The medal may be awarded only on incontestable proof of performance  
11 of the deed.

12           (c) The legislature may award the medal by concurrent  
13 resolution. The legislature shall not, during a single regular  
14 session, award the medal to more than the following 2 individuals:

15           (i) One service member who served between January 1, 1836 and  
16 December 31, 1955.

17           (ii) One service member who served on or after January 1, 1956.

18           (d) Upon passage of the concurrent resolution described in  
19 subdivision (c), the speaker of the house of representatives and  
20 the senate majority leader shall award the medal in the presence of  
21 the legislator or legislators who sponsored the concurrent  
22 resolution and the representative and senator of the district where  
23 the individual being awarded the medal resides or last resided.

24           (e) If the legislature determines that a recommendation does  
25 not meet the standards for awarding the medal, the legislature may  
26 determine that the recommendation meets the standards for the  
27 Michigan legislative medal of valor under section 116.

28           (3) The council administrator, or his or her designee, shall  
29 determine the design of the medal consistent with this subsection.



1 The design of the medal must meet all of the following  
2 requirements:

3 (a) Be able to be worn around the neck.

4 (b) Be a circle that is 5 inches in diameter and 0.04 inches  
5 thick.

6 (c) Be made of sterling silver and be plated with not less  
7 than 18-karat gold.

8 (d) The front side of the medal must include all of the  
9 following, arranged in the following order from the top of the  
10 medal to the bottom:

11 (i) "Michigan Legislative Medal of Honor" printed in an arch.

12 (ii) A raised print of the eastern facade of the State Capitol  
13 Building, including the State Capitol Building's dome, northern  
14 chamber and steps, and southern chamber and steps.

15 (iii) The name of the medal recipient.

16 (iv) The year the medal was presented.

17 (e) The back side of the medal must include all of the  
18 following, arranged in the following order from the top of the  
19 medal to the bottom:

20 (i) "Michigan Legislative Medal of Honor" printed in an arch.

21 (ii) The name of the medal recipient.

22 (iii) A raised print of the flag of the branch of the United  
23 States Armed Forces that the medal recipient served in crossed with  
24 this state's flag.

25 (iv) The phrase "The State of Michigan".

26 (v) The year that the deed for which the medal was awarded was  
27 performed.

28 (4) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Medal" means the Michigan legislative medal of honor



1 described in subsection (1).

2 (b) "Service member" means a member or former member of the  
3 state military establishment, another state's military  
4 establishment, or the United States Armed Forces.

5 (c) "United States Armed Forces" means the United States Army,  
6 Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard,  
7 including the reserve components.

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
9 unless all of the following bills of the 101st Legislature are  
10 enacted into law:

11 (a) House Bill No. 6118.

12 (b) House Bill No. 6120.

13 (c) House Bill No. 6121.

