

HOUSE BILL NO. 6120

May 19, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Anthony, LaFave, Markkanen, Liberati, Steckloff, Garza, Shannon, Steenland, Cambensy, Bezotte and Borton and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled
"Legislative council act,"
(MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 116.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 116. (1) Under the Michigan legislative state medal
- 2 program established under section 113, the legislature may award
- 3 the Michigan legislative medal of valor.
- 4 (2) The Michigan legislative medal of valor is the second
- 5 highest legislatively issued military award of this state. All of
- 6 the following apply to the awarding of the medal:

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

3 (i) Was born in this state.

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

6 (iii) Died in this state.

7 (b) The medal must be awarded to a service member who performs
8 specific acts of bravery or outstanding courage, or who performs
9 within an exceptionally short period of time a closely related
10 series of heroic acts, if the acts involve personal hazard or
11 danger and the voluntary risk of life and result in an
12 accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set the
13 service member apart from the service member's comrades or from
14 other individuals in similar circumstances. Awarding of the medal
15 requires a lesser degree of gallantry than awarding of the Michigan
16 legislative medal of honor under section 115, but requires that the
17 acts be performed with marked distinction.

18 (c) The legislature may award the medal by concurrent
19 resolution.

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

26 (3) The council administrator, or his or her designee, shall
27 submit 4 proposed designs for the medal to the speaker of the house
28 of representatives and the senate majority leader. The speaker of
29 the house of representatives and the senate majority leader shall

1 determine the final design for the medal.

2 (4) As used in this section:

3 (a) "Medal" means the Michigan legislative medal of valor
4 described in subsection (1).

5 (b) "Service member" means a member of the state military
6 establishment, another state's military establishment, or the
7 United States Armed Forces.

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

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

14 (a) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 6121 (request no.
15 06162'22).

16 (b) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 6118 (request no.
17 06163'22).

18 (c) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 6119 (request no.
19 06164'22).