

Resolution No 5 Eligibility to Veterans Treatment Court

Whereas: MCL 600,1200 defines a veteran eligible for services provided by established Veterans Treatment Courts in the State of Michigan as being a veteran as defined by MCL 35.61 and who has served at least 180 days of active duty in the armed forces of the United States, and

Whereas: There are many former members and currently serving members of the Michigan Army National Guard, the Michigan Air National Guard or a reserve component of one of the branches of the US uniformed military services who have served honorably for many years who do not meet the eligibility requirements of MCL 600.1200, and

Whereas: Veterans Treatment Courts in the State of Michigan have been unable to provide their valuable services to this group of deserving veterans and currently serving service members, therefore

Be it Resolved: That the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars supports state legislation that would amend MCL 600.1200 to include currently serving members of the Michigan Army National Guard, the Michigan Air National Guard or a member of a reserve component of any of the branches of the US uniformed military services who has served at least two years as a class of persons eligible for services from a Veterans Treatment Court in the State of Michigan, and

Be it Further Resolved: That the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars supports state legislation that would amend MCL 600.1200 to include former members of the Michigan Army National Guard, the Michigan Air National Guard or a former member of a reserve component of any of the branches of the US uniformed military services, who served at least six years and was released under honorable conditions, as a class of persons eligible for services from a Veterans Treatment Court in the State of Michigan.

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Endorsed by the Michigan Veterans Commanders Group