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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Thursday, September 8, 2016                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Tom Barrett.

Members present: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, Rutledge, Talabi and LaGrand.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Outman moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Glenn moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2016 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5288 and HB 5289:

HB 5288 (Wittenberg)                      Occupations; attorneys; individuals licensed to practice law as a military spouse; require certain notifications to board of law examiners.

HB 5289 (Maturen)                      Occupations; attorneys; license to practice law for military spouse; provide for under certain conditions.

Representatives Wittenberg and Maturen introduced the bills to the committee.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5730:

HB 5730 (Graves)                      Veterans; veterans' homes; employment preference at veterans' facilities; provide for veterans.

Representative Graves introduced the bill to the committee.

The Chair returned to the consideration of HB 5288 and HB 5289.

Justice Brian Zahra, representing the Michigan Supreme Court, testified in support of HB 5288 and HB 5289.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 5288 and HB 5289, but did not wish to speak:

Steve Kozer, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Lino Pretto, representing the Michigan Purple Heart.

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion and the Commanders Group of Michigan.

Peter Cunningham, representing the State Bar of Michigan.

Jack Devine, representing the Vietnam Veterans of America.

The Board of Law Examiners.

The Chair returned to the consideration of HB 5730.

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion and the Commanders Group of Michigan, testified in support of HB 5730.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 5730, but did not wish to speak:

Lino Pretto, representing the Michigan Purple Heart.

Jack Devine, representing the Vietnam Veterans of America.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:05 a.m.

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Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
September 8, 2016  
35 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed