



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 904

LCO No. 3122



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HUSKY WOMEN VETERANS' PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) The Department of
2 Veterans' Affairs shall establish, within available resources, a Husky
3 women veterans' program to (1) conduct outreach to women veterans
4 for the purpose of improving awareness of eligibility for federal and
5 state veterans' benefits and services; (2) conduct assessments of the
6 needs of women veterans with respect to benefits and services; (3)
7 review programs, research projects and other initiatives designed to
8 address or meet the needs of Connecticut's women veterans; (4) submit
9 recommendations to the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs for
10 improving benefits and services available to women veterans; and (5)
11 incorporate women veterans' issues in strategic planning concerning
12 benefits and services. The commissioner may adopt regulations in
13 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes to supplement and
14 implement the provisions of this section. For the purposes of this
15 section, "veteran" means any person who was discharged or released
16 under conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the

17 armed forces and "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in
18 section 27-103 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a program within the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide information and services to women veterans.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]