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***AN ACT CONCERNING BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WHO
HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS
DISORDER OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY OR WHO HAVE HAD AN
EXPERIENCE OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2018*):

4 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as
5 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,
6 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve
7 component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard
8 performing duty as provided in Title 32 of the United States Code; (2)
9 "veteran" means any person honorably discharged from, or released
10 under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces;
11 (3) "service in time of war" means service of ninety or more cumulative
12 days except, if the period of war lasted less than ninety days, "service
13 in time of war" means service for the entire period of war, unless

14 separated from service earlier because of a service-connected disability
15 rated by the [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of
16 Veterans Affairs, during a period of war; [and] (4) "period of war" has
17 the same meaning as provided in 38 USC 101, as amended from time
18 to time, except that the "Vietnam Era" means the period beginning on
19 February 28, 1961, and ending on July 1, 1975, in all cases; and "period
20 of war" shall include service while engaged in combat or a combat
21 support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958, or
22 September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
23 December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of
24 Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf,
25 July 24, 1987, to August 1, 1990; and Panama, December 20, 1989, to
26 January 31, 1990, and shall include service during such periods with
27 the armed forces of any government associated with the United States;
28 and (5) "qualifying condition" means a diagnosis of post-traumatic
29 stress disorder or traumatic brain injury made by, or an experience of
30 military sexual trauma, as described in 38 USC 1720D, disclosed to an
31 individual licensed to provide health care services at a United States
32 Department of Veterans Affairs facility.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 4a-59 of the general statutes is
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
35 *October 1, 2018*):

36 (c) All open market orders or contracts shall be awarded to (1) the
37 lowest responsible qualified bidder, the qualities of the articles to be
38 supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to
39 the requirements of the state government and the delivery terms being
40 taken into consideration and, at the discretion of the Commissioner of
41 Administrative Services, life-cycle costs and trade-in or resale value of
42 the articles may be considered where it appears to be in the best
43 interest of the state, (2) the highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria
44 bid, in accordance with the criteria set forth in the bid solicitation for
45 the contract, or (3) the proposer whose proposal is deemed by the
46 awarding authority to be the most advantageous to the state, in
47 accordance with the criteria set forth in the request for proposals,

48 including price and evaluation factors. Notwithstanding any provision
49 of the general statutes to the contrary, each state agency awarding a
50 contract through competitive negotiation shall include price as an
51 explicit factor in the criteria in the request for proposals and for the
52 contract award. In considering past performance of a bidder for the
53 purpose of determining the "lowest responsible qualified bidder" or
54 the "highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid", the
55 commissioner shall evaluate the skill, ability and integrity of the
56 bidder in terms of the bidder's fulfillment of past contract obligations
57 and the bidder's experience or lack of experience in delivering
58 supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services of the size or
59 amount for which bids have been solicited. In determining the lowest
60 responsible qualified bidder for the purposes of this section, the
61 commissioner may give a price preference of up to ten per cent for (A)
62 the purchase of goods made with recycled materials or the purchase of
63 recyclable or remanufactured products if the commissioner determines
64 that such preference would promote recycling or remanufacturing. As
65 used in this subsection, "recyclable" means able to be collected,
66 separated or otherwise recovered from the solid waste stream for
67 reuse, or for use in the manufacture or assembly of another package or
68 product, by means of a recycling program which is reasonably
69 available to at least seventy-five per cent of the state's population,
70 "remanufactured" means restored to its original function and thereby
71 diverted from the solid waste stream by retaining the bulk of
72 components that have been used at least once and by replacing
73 consumable components and "remanufacturing" means any process by
74 which a product is remanufactured; (B) the purchase of motor vehicles
75 powered by a clean alternative fuel; (C) the purchase of motor vehicles
76 powered by fuel other than a clean alternative fuel and conversion
77 equipment to convert such motor vehicles allowing the vehicles to be
78 powered by either the exclusive use of clean alternative fuel or dual
79 use of a clean alternative fuel and a fuel other than a clean alternative
80 fuel. As used in this subsection, "clean alternative fuel" means natural
81 gas, electricity, hydrogen or propane when used as a motor vehicle
82 fuel; or (D) the purchase of goods or services from a micro business,

83 except that, in the case of a veteran-owned micro business, the
84 commissioner may give a price preference of up to fifteen per cent. As
85 used in this subsection, "micro business" means a business with gross
86 revenues not exceeding three million dollars in the most recently
87 completed fiscal year, [and] "veteran-owned micro business" means a
88 micro business of which at least fifty-one per cent of the ownership is
89 held by one or more veterans [, as defined in subsection (a) of section
90 27-103] and "veteran" means any person (i) who has been honorably
91 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active
92 service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended
93 by this act, or (ii) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said
94 section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
95 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces. All other factors
96 being equal, preference shall be given to supplies, materials and
97 equipment produced, assembled or manufactured in the state and
98 services originating and provided in the state. Except with regard to
99 contracts that may be paid for with United States Department of
100 Transportation funds, if any such bidder refuses to accept, within ten
101 days, a contract awarded to such bidder, such contract may be
102 awarded to the next lowest responsible qualified bidder or the next
103 highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid, whichever is
104 applicable, and so on until such contract is awarded and accepted.
105 Except with regard to contracts that may be paid for with United States
106 Department of Transportation funds, if any such proposer refuses to
107 accept, within ten days, a contract awarded to such proposer, such
108 contract shall be awarded to the next most advantageous proposer,
109 and so on until the contract is awarded and accepted. There shall be a
110 written evaluation made of each bid. This evaluation shall identify the
111 vendors and their respective costs and prices, document the reason
112 why any vendor is deemed to be nonresponsive and recommend a
113 vendor for award. A contract valued at one million dollars or more
114 shall be awarded to a bidder other than the lowest responsible
115 qualified bidder or the highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid,
116 whichever is applicable, only with written approval signed by the
117 Commissioner of Administrative Services and by the Comptroller. The

118 commissioner shall post on the department's Internet web site all
119 awards made pursuant to the provisions of this section.

120 Sec. 3. Subdivision (28) of section 5-196 of the general statutes is
121 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
122 *October 1, 2018*):

123 (28) "Veteran", when used in this chapter and in section 5-180,
124 means any person [who has been] (A) (i) honorably discharged from,
125 or released under honorable conditions from active service in, the
126 armed forces of the United States, or (ii) with a qualifying condition, as
127 defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who has received a
128 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service
129 in the armed forces of the United States, and (B) who has performed
130 such service in time of war, as [such terms are] defined in [section 27-
131 103] said section, except that the final date for service in time of war
132 during World War II shall be December 31, 1947.

133 Sec. 4. Section 5-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the
134 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

135 Any veteran who served in time of war, if such veteran is not
136 eligible for disability compensation or pension from the United States
137 [through the Veterans' Administration] Department of Veterans
138 Affairs, or the spouse of such veteran who by reason of such veteran's
139 disability is unable to pursue gainful employment, or the unmarried
140 surviving spouse of such veteran, and if such person has attained at
141 least the minimum earned rating on any examination held for an
142 original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate list to
143 fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228, shall
144 have five points added to his or her earned rating. Any such veteran,
145 or the spouse of such veteran who by reason of such veteran's
146 disability is unable to pursue gainful employment, or the unmarried
147 surviving spouse of such veteran, if such person is eligible for such
148 disability compensation or pension and if he or she has attained at
149 least the minimum earned rating on any such examination held for an

150 original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate list to
151 fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228, shall
152 have ten points added to his or her earned rating. Any [person who
153 has been honorably discharged from or released under honorable
154 conditions from active service in the armed forces of the United States,
155 and] veteran who has served in a military action for which such person
156 received or was entitled to receive a campaign badge or expeditionary
157 medal, shall have five points added to his or her earned rating if such
158 person has attained at least the minimum earned rating on any such
159 examination held for an original appointment for the purpose of
160 establishing a candidate list to fill a vacancy in accordance with
161 subsection (d) of section 5-228 and such person is not otherwise
162 eligible to receive additional points pursuant to this section. Names of
163 any such persons shall be placed upon the candidate lists in the order
164 of such augmented ratings. Credits shall be based upon examinations
165 with a possible rating of one hundred points.

166 Sec. 5. Section 8-75 of the general statutes is repealed and the
167 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

168 As among applicants eligible for occupancy at the rent involved
169 whose needs for housing accommodations are substantially equal, as
170 determined by the developer, preference shall be given to veterans. As
171 used in this section, "veteran" means any person (1) honorably
172 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active
173 service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended
174 by this act, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said
175 section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
176 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

177 Sec. 6. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 10-5 of the 2018 supplement
178 to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
179 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

180 (b) Application to take or retake the examination described in
181 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall be accompanied

182 by a money order or certified check in the nonrefundable amount of
183 thirteen dollars. This amount shall include the fee for the state high
184 school diploma.

185 (c) No (1) veteran, (2) member of the armed forces, as defined in
186 section 27-103, as amended by this act, (3) person with a qualifying
187 condition, as defined in said section, who has received a discharge
188 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the
189 armed forces, or [any] (4) person under twenty-one years of age shall
190 be required to pay the fees described in subsection (b) of this section.
191 The commissioner may waive any fee described in subsection (b) upon
192 the submission of evidence indicating an inability to pay.

193 Sec. 7. Subdivision (1) of subsection (i) of section 10-221a of the 2018
194 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
195 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

196 (i) (1) A local or regional board of education may award a diploma
197 to a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended
198 by this act, [of] or a person with a qualifying condition, as defined in
199 said section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
200 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces, which veteran or
201 person served during World War II or the Korean hostilities, as
202 described in section 51-49h, or [of] during the Vietnam Era, as defined
203 in [subsection (a) of] section 27-103, as amended by this act, [who]
204 withdrew from high school prior to graduation in order to serve in the
205 armed forces of the United States and did not receive a diploma as a
206 consequence of such service.

207 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is
208 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
209 *October 1, 2018*):

210 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
211 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
212 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
213 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war

214 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
215 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of
216 [Connecticut] the state at the time such child is accepted for admission
217 to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this
218 section, for any (A) veteran who performed service in time of war, as
219 defined in [subsection (a) of] section 27-103, as amended by this act, or
220 (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who
221 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
222 active service in the armed forces and who performed service in time
223 of war, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of
224 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
225 academy, [who] which veteran or person has been accepted for
226 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
227 such veteran or person is accepted for admission to such institution, (3)
228 for any resident of [Connecticut] the state sixty-two years of age or
229 older, provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are
230 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
231 [persons] residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to
232 offer the course in which such [person] resident intends to enroll and
233 there is space available in such course after accommodating all such
234 students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut State Police
235 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
236 academy offered in coordination with a regional community-technical
237 college which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any
238 active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who
239 (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant
240 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)
241 is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time
242 or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6)
243 for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-
244 294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as
245 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C)
246 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154,
247 killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a
248 dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who

249 was a resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of
250 the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the
251 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29,
252 2005, and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
253 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while
254 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United
255 States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this
256 state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with
257 the provisions of this subsection also receives educational
258 reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the
259 amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans and persons
260 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the
261 National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be
262 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in
263 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.
264 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
265 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
266 year.

267 Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
268 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
269 *October 1, 2018*):

270 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
271 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a
272 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
273 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
274 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
275 for admission to such institution and is a resident of [Connecticut] the
276 state at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
277 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
278 for any (A) veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined
279 in [subsection (a) of] section 27-103, as amended by this act, or (B)
280 person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
281 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
282 active service in the armed forces and who performed service in time

283 of war, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of
284 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
285 academy, [who] which veteran or person has been accepted for
286 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
287 such veteran or person is accepted for admission to such institution, (3)
288 for any resident of [Connecticut] the state sixty-two years of age or
289 older who has been accepted for admission to such institution,
290 provided (A) such [person] resident is enrolled in a degree-granting
291 program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are
292 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those
293 [persons] residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to
294 offer the course in which such [person] resident intends to enroll and
295 there is space available in such course after accommodating all such
296 students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police
297 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
298 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits
299 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the
300 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified
301 by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a
302 member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted
303 for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
304 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any
305 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
306 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
307 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
308 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
309 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent
310 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
311 resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the
312 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection
313 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9)
314 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
315 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active
316 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after
317 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person

318 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
319 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,
320 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
321 reimbursement. Veterans and persons described in subdivision (2) of
322 this subsection and members of the National Guard described in
323 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
324 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
325 Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of
326 section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state"
327 includes domicile for less than one year.

328 Sec. 10. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
329 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
330 *October 1, 2018*):

331 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
332 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
333 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
334 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
335 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
336 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
337 [Connecticut] the state at the time such child is accepted for admission
338 to said institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this
339 section, for any (A) veteran who performed service in time of war, as
340 defined in [subsection (a) of] section 27-103, as amended by this act, or
341 (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who
342 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
343 active service in the armed forces and who performed service in time
344 of war, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of
345 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
346 academy, [who] which veteran or person has been accepted for
347 admission to said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
348 such veteran is accepted for admission to [said] such institution, (3) for
349 any resident of [Connecticut] the state sixty-two years of age or older
350 who has been accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A)
351 such [person] resident is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B)

352 at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
353 course a sufficient number of students other than those [persons]
354 residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the
355 course in which such [person] resident intends to enroll and there is
356 space available in such course after accommodating all such students,
357 (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National
358 Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such
359 Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the
360 guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to said institution
361 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate
362 degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police
363 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
364 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
365 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
366 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (6) for
367 any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving
368 spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state,
369 (7) for any dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in
370 a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
371 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state
372 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
373 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
374 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who
375 was a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver
376 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
377 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
378 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
379 and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and
380 members of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this
381 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
382 tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of
383 Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
384 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
385 than one year.

386 Sec. 11. Subdivision (19) of section 12-81 of the 2018 supplement to
387 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
388 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

389 (19) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95,
390 property to the amount of one thousand dollars belonging to, or held
391 in trust for, (A) any resident of this state who [(a)] is a veteran of the
392 armed forces in service in time of war, [(b)] (B) any resident of this
393 state who was a citizen of the United States at the time of his
394 enlistment and who was in the military or naval service of a
395 government allied or associated with that of the United States during
396 the Second World War and received an honorable discharge
397 therefrom, [(c)] (C) any resident of this state who served during the
398 Second World War as a member of any armed force of any
399 government signatory to the United Nations Declaration of January 1,
400 1942, and participated in armed conflict with an enemy of the United
401 States and who has been a citizen of the United States for at least ten
402 years and presents satisfactory evidence of such service, [(d)] (D) any
403 resident of this state who served as a member of the crew of a
404 merchant vessel during the Second World War and is qualified with
405 respect to such service as a member of the group known as the
406 "American Merchant Marine in ocean-going service during the period
407 of armed conflict, December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945", members of
408 which are deemed to be eligible for certain veterans benefits under a
409 determination in the United States Department of Defense, as recorded
410 in the Federal Register of February 1, 1988, provided such resident has
411 received an armed forces discharge certificate from the Department of
412 Defense on the basis of such service, [(e)] (E) any member of the armed
413 forces who was in service in time of war and is still in the service and
414 by reason of continuous service has not as yet received a discharge,
415 [(f)] (F) any person who is retired from the armed forces after thirty
416 years of service because he has reached the age limit prescribed by law
417 or because he suffers from mental or physical disability, (G) any
418 person with a qualifying condition who has received a discharge other
419 than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed

420 forces and who was in service in time of war, or [(g)] (H) any person
421 who is serving in the armed services in time of war; or lacking said
422 amount of property in his own name, so much of the property
423 belonging to, or held in trust for, his spouse, who is domiciled with
424 him, as is necessary to equal said amount. For the purposes of this
425 subdivision, "veteran", "armed forces", [and] "service in time of war"
426 and "qualifying condition" have the same [meaning as] meanings as
427 provided in section 27-103, as amended by this act;

428 Sec. 12. Subdivision (22) of section 12-81 of the 2018 supplement to
429 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
430 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

431 (22) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95,
432 property to the amount of one thousand dollars belonging to, or held
433 in trust for, any surviving spouse while such person remains a widow
434 or widower, or a minor child or both, residing in this state, of (A) one
435 who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air
436 Force of the United States, or [of] any citizen of the United States who
437 served in the military or naval service of a government allied or
438 associated with the United States, as provided by subdivision (19) of
439 this section, and who has died either during his or her term of service
440 or after receiving an honorable discharge therefrom, provided such
441 amount shall be three thousand dollars if death was due to service and
442 occurred while on active duty, or (B) one with a qualifying condition,
443 as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who has served in
444 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the
445 United States and who has died after receiving a discharge other than
446 bad conduct or dishonorable therefrom;

447 Sec. 13. Subdivision (25) of section 12-81 of the 2018 supplement to
448 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
449 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

450 (25) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95,
451 property to the amount of one thousand dollars belonging to, or held

452 in trust for, a sole surviving parent, while such parent remains a
453 widow or widower, resident of this state, of one (A) who has left no
454 widow or widower, or whose widow or widower has remarried or
455 died, and who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast
456 Guard or Air Force of the United States as provided by subdivision
457 (19) of this section and has died during his or her term of service or
458 after receiving an honorable discharge therefrom, provided []
459 property belonging to, or held in trust for, such parent of more than
460 one serviceman or servicewoman who has left no widow or widower,
461 or whose widow or widower has remarried or died, and who has
462 served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of
463 the United States as provided in subdivision (19) of this section and
464 has died during his or her term of service shall be subject to an
465 exemption of one thousand dollars for each such serviceman or
466 servicewoman, or (B) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section
467 27-103, who has left no widow or widower, or whose widow or
468 widower has remarried or died, and who has served in the Army,
469 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United States
470 and has died after receiving a discharge other than bad conduct or
471 dishonorable therefrom;

472 Sec. 14. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (63) of section 12-412 of the
473 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
474 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

475 (D) The Department of Revenue Services may issue a farmer tax
476 exemption permit to a farmer, notwithstanding the fact that, in the
477 farmer's immediately preceding taxable year, such farmer's gross
478 income from agricultural production engaged in as a trade or business
479 may have been less than two thousand five hundred dollars, provided
480 (i) such farmer purchased, during such farmer's current or
481 immediately preceding taxable year, an agricultural trade or business
482 from a seller who was issued a farmer tax exemption permit by such
483 department at the time of such purchase and such agricultural
484 production shall be carried on as a trade or business by such purchaser
485 during the period commencing upon the purchase and ending two

486 years after the date of purchase. Such purchaser shall be liable for the
487 tax otherwise imposed, during the period commencing upon such
488 purchase and ending two years after the date of purchase, if such
489 agricultural production is not carried on as a trade or business by such
490 purchaser during the period commencing upon such purchase and
491 ending two years after the date of purchase; or (ii) such farmer is a
492 veteran [, as defined in section 27-103,] who has never owned or leased
493 property for the purpose of commercial agricultural production or
494 who has owned or leased property for the purpose of commercial
495 agricultural production for less than two years. Such veteran farmer
496 shall be liable for the tax otherwise imposed, during the period
497 commencing upon issuance of a farmer tax exemption permit pursuant
498 to this subparagraph and ending two years after the date of such
499 issuance, if such agricultural production is not carried on as a trade or
500 business by such veteran farmer during the period commencing upon
501 such issuance and ending two years after the date of such issuance. As
502 used in this subparagraph, "veteran" means any person (1) honorably
503 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active
504 service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended
505 by this act, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said
506 section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
507 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

508 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 14-20b of the 2018 supplement to
509 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
510 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

511 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any
512 veteran or member of the armed forces, as defined in [subsection (a)
513 of] section 27-103, as amended by this act, or the surviving spouse of
514 such veteran or member, shall register any motor vehicle owned or
515 leased for a period of at least one year by such person and shall issue a
516 special certificate of registration and a set of number plates for each
517 such motor vehicle, including a special certificate of registration and a
518 set of number plates for any motor vehicle used exclusively for
519 farming purposes by any veteran or member of the armed forces, or

520 the surviving spouse of such veteran or member, who is engaged in
521 agricultural production as a trade or business. The plates shall expire
522 and be renewed as provided in section 14-22. The commissioner shall
523 charge a fee for such plates, which fee shall cover the entire cost of
524 making such plates and shall be in addition to the fee for registration
525 of such motor vehicle. As used in this subsection, "veteran" means any
526 person (1) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable
527 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, or (2) with a
528 qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this
529 act, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
530 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

531 Sec. 16. Subsection (f) of section 14-36h of the 2018 supplement to
532 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
533 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

534 (f) As used in this section: (1) "Full legal name" means the most
535 complete version of the name that appears on a person's certificate of
536 birth, official passport or other document or documents accepted by
537 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to verify the person's identity,
538 unless the person presents a marriage license or certificate, a certificate
539 of civil union, a divorce decree or an order of a court of competent
540 jurisdiction pertaining to a permanent change of the person's name;
541 and (2) "veteran" means (A) any person honorably discharged from, or
542 released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed
543 forces, as defined in [subsection (a) of] section 27-103, as amended by
544 this act, [and] (B) any former member of the armed forces who is
545 entitled to retirement pay under 10 USC Chapter 1223, as amended
546 from time to time, or, but for age, would be so entitled, or (C) any
547 person with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, as
548 amended by this act, who has received a discharge other than bad
549 conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

550 Sec. 17. Subsection (c) of section 14-50 of the general statutes is
551 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
552 *October 1, 2018*):

553 (c) The commissioner shall waive any operator's license or
554 registration fee, including any renewal fee, in the case of any person in
555 the active service of the armed forces of the United States who was a
556 legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his induction; and for one
557 licensing period to any person (1) honorably separated from such
558 service, [who applies therefor] or (2) with a qualifying condition, as
559 defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who has separated
560 from such service other than with a bad conduct characterization or
561 dishonorably, which person applies for such operator's license or
562 registration within two years following the date of separation and was
563 a legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his induction. The
564 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
565 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

566 Sec. 18. Section 14-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the
567 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

568 "Disabled veteran", as used in this section, means (1) (A) any
569 veteran who [served] performed service in time of war, as defined [by]
570 in section 27-103, as amended by this act, or (B) any person with a
571 qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has received a
572 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service
573 in the armed forces, as defined in said section, and who performed
574 service in time of war, and (2) (A) one or both of whose legs or arms or
575 parts thereof have been amputated or the use of which has been lost,
576 [or] (B) who is blind, [or who have traumatic brain injury, or]
577 paraplegic or hemiplegic, or (C) who has traumatic brain injury, any
578 such disability described in subdivision (2) of this section being
579 certified as service-connected by the [Veterans' Administration] United
580 States Department of Veterans Affairs. The Commissioner of Motor
581 Vehicles, upon application of any disabled veteran accompanied by
582 such certificate of [the Veterans' Administration] said department,
583 shall issue without charge a special number plate or set of plates in
584 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-21b to be
585 attached to a passenger motor vehicle owned or operated by such
586 disabled veteran and an identification card to be used in connection

587 therewith. The card shall identify the disabled veteran and the motor
588 vehicle and shall state that such [veteran is a] disabled veteran is
589 qualified to receive the card, that the card, plate or plates shall be
590 returned to the commissioner if the registration of the motor vehicle is
591 cancelled or transferred [,] and that the card is for the exclusive use of
592 the [person] disabled veteran to whom it is issued, is not transferable
593 and will be revoked if presented by any other person or if any
594 privilege granted under this section is abused. If not so revoked, the
595 card shall be renewable every four years at the time of registration of
596 motor vehicles. No penalty shall be imposed for the overtime parking
597 of any motor vehicle bearing a number plate issued under this section
598 when it has been so parked by the disabled veteran to whom the plate
599 and an identification card were issued or by any person operating such
600 vehicle when accompanied by such disabled veteran, provided the
601 length of time for which such vehicle may remain parked at any one
602 location shall not exceed twenty-four hours. The surviving spouse of a
603 disabled veteran issued such special registration may retain any such
604 registration and number plates without charge for his or her lifetime or
605 until such time as he or she remarries.

606 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 17b-28i of the general statutes is
607 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
608 *October 1, 2018*):

609 (a) To the extent permissible by federal law, the Commissioner of
610 Social Services shall disregard federal Aid and Attendance pension
611 benefits granted to a veteran [, as defined in section 27-103,] or the
612 surviving spouse of such veteran when determining income eligibility
613 for the state's Medicare savings, medical assistance and energy
614 assistance programs administered under section 17b-2. As used in this
615 subsection, "veteran" means any person (1) honorably discharged
616 from, or released under honorable conditions from active service in,
617 the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act,
618 or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
619 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
620 active service in the armed forces.

621 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 27-108 of the general statutes is
622 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
623 *October 1, 2018*):

624 (a) Any veteran [, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103,]
625 who meets active military, naval or air service requirements, as
626 described in 38 USC 101, as amended from time to time, may apply for
627 admission to the Veterans Residential Services facility or Healthcare
628 Center; and any such veteran who has no adequate means of support,
629 and who, from disease, wounds or accident, needs medical or surgical
630 care and treatment or who has become mentally ill, may be admitted
631 to any hospital and receive necessary food, clothing, care and
632 treatment therein, at the expense of the state, unless other funds or
633 means of payment are available. Whenever a person is admitted to a
634 hospital, such person shall be asked if he or she is a veteran. Before a
635 hospital submits a bill for services pursuant to this section, such
636 hospital shall take sufficient steps to determine that no other funds or
637 means of payment are available to cover the cost of services rendered
638 to the veteran. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall make
639 available to hospitals a list of payment options and benefits available
640 to cover hospital costs of veterans. As used in this section, "veteran"
641 means any person (1) honorably discharged from, or released under
642 honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces, as
643 defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, or (2) with a
644 qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has received a
645 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service
646 in the armed forces.

647 Sec. 21. Section 27-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the
648 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

649 Any hospital, upon request of the commissioner, shall furnish any
650 veteran, determined by the commissioner to be entitled to admission
651 thereto, necessary food, clothing, care and treatment therein at the
652 expense of the state, unless other funds or means of payment are
653 available, and such veteran shall have preference for admission into

654 such hospital. As used in this section, "veteran" means any person (1)
655 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions
656 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as
657 amended by this act, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in
658 said section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
659 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

660 Sec. 22. Section 27-118 of the general statutes is repealed and the
661 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

662 When any veteran dies, not having sufficient estate to pay the
663 necessary expenses of the veteran's last sickness and burial, as
664 determined by the commissioner after consultation with the probate
665 court for the district in which the veteran resided, the state shall pay
666 the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars toward such funeral
667 expenses, and the burial shall be in some cemetery or plot not used
668 exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, and the same amount
669 shall be paid if the body is cremated, but no amount shall be paid for
670 the expenses for burial or cremation unless claim therefor is made
671 within one year from the date of death, except that in cases of death
672 occurring abroad, such claim may be made within one year after the
673 remains of such veteran have been interred in this country. No
674 provision of this section shall prevent the payment of the sum above
675 named for the burial of any person, otherwise entitled to the same, on
676 account of such burial being made outside the limits of this state. Upon
677 satisfactory proof by the person who has paid or provided for the
678 funeral or burial expense to the commissioner of the identity of the
679 deceased, the time and place of the deceased's death and burial and the
680 approval thereof by the commissioner, said sum of one thousand eight
681 hundred dollars shall be paid by the Comptroller to the person who
682 has paid the funeral or burial expense or, upon assignment by such
683 person, to the funeral director who has provided the funeral.
684 Whenever the Comptroller has lawfully paid any sum toward the
685 expenses of the burial of any deceased veteran and it afterwards
686 appears that the deceased left any estate, the Comptroller may present
687 a claim on behalf of the state against the estate of such deceased

688 veteran for the sum so paid, and the claim shall be a preferred claim
689 against such estate and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the state. The
690 commissioner, upon the advice of the Attorney General, may make
691 application for administration upon the estate of any such deceased
692 veteran if no other person authorized by law makes such application
693 within sixty days after such payment has been made by the
694 Comptroller. As used in this section, "veteran" means any person (1)
695 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions
696 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as
697 amended by this act, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in
698 said section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
699 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

700 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 27-122b of the 2018 supplement to
701 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
702 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

703 (a) As used in this section, "veteran" means any person (1)
704 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions
705 from, active service in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps,
706 Air Force or Coast Guard or any women's auxiliary branch thereof,
707 which auxiliary branch was organized pursuant to an Act of Congress;
708 (2) who has completed at least twenty years of qualifying service, as
709 described in and computed under 10 USC Chapter 1223, as amended
710 from time to time, in the Connecticut National Guard; [or] (3) who was
711 killed in action, or who died as a result of accident or illness sustained
712 while performing active service, in the United States Army, Navy,
713 Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or any women's auxiliary
714 branch thereof, which auxiliary branch was organized pursuant to an
715 Act of Congress, or in the Connecticut National Guard; or (4) with a
716 qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this
717 act, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
718 dishonorable from active service in the United States Army, Navy,
719 Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or any women's auxiliary
720 branch thereof, which auxiliary branch was organized pursuant to an
721 Act of Congress.

722 Sec. 24. Section 27-125 of the general statutes is repealed and the
723 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

724 Any veteran who is a citizen of this state and who, through
725 disability or other causes incident to service in the armed forces in time
726 of war, is in need of temporary financial assistance may be provided
727 for by the commissioner by a method similar to that provided in
728 section 27-82, the amount and continuance of such assistance to be
729 discretionary with the commissioner. The widow, widower and each
730 child, parent, brother or sister of any member of the armed forces, who
731 died while in such active service, may be assisted by the commissioner
732 if such person or persons are without sufficient means of support by
733 reason of the death of such member of the armed forces. In carrying
734 out his or her duties under the provisions of this section, the
735 commissioner is directed to cooperate with such federal agencies as
736 may aid in securing prompt and suitable treatment, care and relief of
737 any such member of the armed forces or his or her dependents. The
738 records of the agencies of the state shall be placed at the disposal of the
739 commissioner and such agencies are directed to cooperate with and to
740 assist the commissioner in carrying out his or her duties. As used in
741 this section, "veteran" means any person (1) honorably discharged
742 from, or released under honorable conditions from active service in,
743 the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act,
744 or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
745 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
746 active service in the armed forces.

747 Sec. 25. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
748 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

749 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
750 expended by it in furnishing temporary income; subsistence items such
751 as food, wearing apparel, shelter and related expenses; medical or
752 surgical aid or care or relief (1) to, or in bearing the funeral expenses
753 of, soldiers, sailors or marines (A) (i) who performed service in time of
754 war, as defined in [subsection (a) of] section 27-103, as amended by

755 this act, in any branch of the military service of the United States,
 756 including the Connecticut National Guard, or (ii) who were engaged in
 757 any of the wars waged by the United States during said periods in the
 758 forces of any government associated with the United States, (B) (i) who
 759 have been honorably discharged therefrom or honorably released from
 760 active service therein, or (ii) with a qualifying condition, as defined in
 761 section 27-103, as amended by this act, who have received discharges
 762 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service therein,
 763 and (C) who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at the time of
 764 entering said armed forces of the United States, including the
 765 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, [or] (2) to
 766 their spouses who are living with them, [or] (3) to their widows or
 767 widowers who were living with them at the time of death, or (4) to
 768 dependent children under eighteen years of age, who may be in need
 769 of the same. All such payments shall be made by the American Legion
 770 under authority of its bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the
 771 procedure for proof of eligibility for such aid, provided payments
 772 made for the care and treatment of any person entitled to the benefits
 773 provided for herein, at any hospital receiving aid from the General
 774 Assembly unless special care and treatment are required, shall be in
 775 accordance with the provisions of section 17b-239, and provided the
 776 sum expended for the care or treatment of such person at any other
 777 place than a state-aided hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost
 778 of supporting such person at the Healthcare Center in Rocky Hill
 779 maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs, unless special care
 780 and treatment are required, when such sum as may be determined by
 781 the treasurer of such organization may be paid therefor. Upon the
 782 completion of the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal
 783 fund shall revert to the State Treasury.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-103(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	4a-59(c)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	5-196(28)

Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	5-224
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	8-75
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	10-5(b) and (c)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	10-221a(i)(1)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	10a-77(d)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	10a-99(d)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	10a-105(e)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	12-81(19)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	12-81(22)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	12-81(25)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	12-412(63)(D)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	14-20b(a)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	14-36h(f)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	14-50(c)
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	14-254
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	17b-28i(a)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-108(a)
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-109
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-118
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-122b(a)
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-125
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-140

Statement of Purpose:

To expand eligibility for certain veterans benefits to certain individuals who have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury or who have had an experience of military sexual trauma.

[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.]