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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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, as amended  
31 from time to time, disclosed to, an individual licensed to provide  
32 health care services at a United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
33 facility.

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35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

181 (b) Application to take or retake the examination described in  
182 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall be accompanied  
183 by a money order or certified check in the nonrefundable amount of  
184 thirteen dollars. This amount shall include the fee for the state high  
185 school diploma.

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

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

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

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

211 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any  
212 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent  
213 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has  
214 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war  
215 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child  
216 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of  
217 [Connecticut] the state at the time such child is accepted for admission

218 to such institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this  
219 section, for any (A) veteran who performed service in time of war, as  
220 defined in [subsection (a) of] section 27-103, as amended by this act, or  
221 (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who  
222 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
223 active service in the armed forces and who performed service in time  
224 of war, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of  
225 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service  
226 academy, [who] which veteran or person has been accepted for  
227 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time  
228 such veteran or person is accepted for admission to such institution, (3)  
229 for any resident of [Connecticut] the state sixty-two years of age or  
230 older, provided, at the end of the regular registration period, there are  
231 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those  
232 [persons] residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to  
233 offer the course in which such [person] resident intends to enroll and  
234 there is space available in such course after accommodating all such  
235 students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut State Police  
236 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said  
237 academy offered in coordination with a regional community-technical  
238 college which accredits courses taken in such program, (5) for any  
239 active member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who  
240 (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant  
241 General's designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B)  
242 is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time  
243 or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, (6)  
244 for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-  
245 294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as  
246 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C)  
247 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154,  
248 killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a  
249 dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who  
250 was a resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of  
251 the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the  
252 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29,



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

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

271 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the  
272 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a  
273 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be  
274 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in  
275 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted  
276 for admission to such institution and is a resident of [Connecticut] the  
277 state at the time such child is accepted for admission to such  
278 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,  
279 for any (A) veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined  
280 in [subsection (a) of] section 27-103, as amended by this act, or (B)  
281 person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has  
282 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
283 active service in the armed forces and who performed service in time  
284 of war, except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of  
285 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service

286 academy, [who] which veteran or person has been accepted for  
287 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time  
288 such veteran or person is accepted for admission to such institution, (3)  
289 for any resident of [Connecticut] the state sixty-two years of age or  
290 older who has been accepted for admission to such institution,  
291 provided (A) such [person] resident is enrolled in a degree-granting  
292 program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are  
293 enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students other than those  
294 [persons] residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to  
295 offer the course in which such [person] resident intends to enroll and  
296 there is space available in such course after accommodating all such  
297 students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police  
298 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said  
299 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits  
300 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the  
301 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified  
302 by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a  
303 member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted  
304 for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an  
305 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any  
306 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or  
307 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in  
308 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal  
309 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in  
310 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent  
311 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a  
312 resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the  
313 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection  
314 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9)  
315 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving  
316 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active  
317 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after  
318 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person  
319 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this  
320 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,

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

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

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

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

387 Sec. 11. Subdivision (19) of section 12-81 of the 2018 supplement to

388 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
389 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018, and applicable to assessment years*  
390 *commencing on or after October 1, 2018*):

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

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

430 Sec. 12. Subdivision (22) of section 12-81 of the 2018 supplement to  
431 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
432 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018, and applicable to assessment years*  
433 *commencing on or after October 1, 2018*):

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

450 Sec. 13. Subdivision (25) of section 12-81 of the 2018 supplement to  
451 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
452 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018, and applicable to assessment years*  
453 *commencing on or after October 1, 2018*):

454 (25) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95,  
455 property to the amount of one thousand dollars belonging to, or held  
456 in trust for, a sole surviving parent, while such parent remains a  
457 widow or widower, resident of this state, of one (A) who has left no  
458 widow or widower, or whose widow or widower has remarried or  
459 died, and who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast  
460 Guard or Air Force of the United States as provided by subdivision  
461 (19) of this section and has died during his or her term of service or  
462 after receiving an honorable discharge therefrom, provided [ ]  
463 property belonging to, or held in trust for, such parent of more than  
464 one serviceman or servicewoman who has left no widow or widower,  
465 or whose widow or widower has remarried or died, and who has  
466 served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of  
467 the United States as provided in subdivision (19) of this section and  
468 has died during his or her term of service shall be subject to an  
469 exemption of one thousand dollars for each such serviceman or  
470 servicewoman, or (B) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section  
471 27-103, who has left no widow or widower, or whose widow or  
472 widower has remarried or died, and who has served in the Army,  
473 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United States  
474 and has died after receiving a discharge other than bad conduct or  
475 dishonorable therefrom;

476 Sec. 14. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (63) of section 12-412 of the  
477 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
478 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

479 (D) The Department of Revenue Services may issue a farmer tax  
480 exemption permit to a farmer, notwithstanding the fact that, in the  
481 farmer's immediately preceding taxable year, such farmer's gross  
482 income from agricultural production engaged in as a trade or business  
483 may have been less than two thousand five hundred dollars, provided  
484 (i) such farmer purchased, during such farmer's current or  
485 immediately preceding taxable year, an agricultural trade or business  
486 from a seller who was issued a farmer tax exemption permit by such

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

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

515 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any  
516 veteran or member of the armed forces [, as defined in subsection (a) of  
517 section 27-103,] or the surviving spouse of such veteran or member,  
518 shall register any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period of at least  
519 one year by such person and shall issue a special certificate of



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

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

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

553 amended by this act, who has received a discharge other than bad  
554 conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

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

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

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

573 "Disabled veteran", as used in this section, means (1) (A) any  
574 veteran who [served] performed service in time of war, as defined [by]  
575 in section 27-103, as amended by this act, or (B) any person with a  
576 qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has received a  
577 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service  
578 in the armed forces, as defined in said section, and who performed  
579 service in time of war, and (2) (A) one or both of whose legs or arms or  
580 parts thereof have been amputated or the use of which has been lost,  
581 [or] (B) who is blind, [or who have traumatic brain injury, or]  
582 paraplegic or hemiplegic, or (C) who has traumatic brain injury, any  
583 such disability described in subdivision (2) of this section being  
584 certified as service-connected by the [Veterans' Administration] United

585 States Department of Veterans Affairs. The Commissioner of Motor  
586 Vehicles, upon application of any disabled veteran accompanied by  
587 such certificate of [the Veterans' Administration] said department,  
588 shall issue without charge a special number plate or set of plates in  
589 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-21b to be  
590 attached to a passenger motor vehicle owned or operated by such  
591 disabled veteran and an identification card to be used in connection  
592 therewith. The card shall identify the disabled veteran and the motor  
593 vehicle and shall state that such [veteran is a] disabled veteran is  
594 qualified to receive the card, that the card, plate or plates shall be  
595 returned to the commissioner if the registration of the motor vehicle is  
596 cancelled or transferred [,] and that the card is for the exclusive use of  
597 the [person] disabled veteran to whom it is issued, is not transferable  
598 and will be revoked if presented by any other person or if any  
599 privilege granted under this section is abused. If not so revoked, the  
600 card shall be renewable every four years at the time of registration of  
601 motor vehicles. No penalty shall be imposed for the overtime parking  
602 of any motor vehicle bearing a number plate issued under this section  
603 when it has been so parked by the disabled veteran to whom the plate  
604 and an identification card were issued or by any person operating such  
605 vehicle when accompanied by such disabled veteran, provided the  
606 length of time for which such vehicle may remain parked at any one  
607 location shall not exceed twenty-four hours. The surviving spouse of a  
608 disabled veteran issued such special registration may retain any such  
609 registration and number plates without charge for his or her lifetime or  
610 until such time as he or she remarries.

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

614 (a) To the extent permissible by federal law, the Commissioner of  
615 Social Services shall disregard federal Aid and Attendance pension  
616 benefits granted to a veteran [, as defined in section 27-103,] or the  
617 surviving spouse of such veteran when determining income eligibility

618 for the state's Medicare savings, medical assistance and energy  
619 assistance programs administered under section 17b-2. As used in this  
620 subsection, "veteran" means any person (1) honorably discharged  
621 from, or released under honorable conditions from active service in,  
622 the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act,  
623 or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has  
624 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
625 active service in the armed forces.

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

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

651 in the armed forces.

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

654 Any hospital, upon request of the commissioner, shall furnish any  
655 veteran, determined by the commissioner to be entitled to admission  
656 thereto, necessary food, clothing, care and treatment therein at the  
657 expense of the state, unless other funds or means of payment are  
658 available, and such veteran shall have preference for admission into  
659 such hospital. As used in this section, "veteran" means any person (1)  
660 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
661 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as  
662 amended by this act, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in  
663 said section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or  
664 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

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

667 When any veteran dies, not having sufficient estate to pay the  
668 necessary expenses of the veteran's last sickness and burial, as  
669 determined by the commissioner after consultation with the probate  
670 court for the district in which the veteran resided, the state shall pay  
671 the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars toward such funeral  
672 expenses, and the burial shall be in some cemetery or plot not used  
673 exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, and the same amount  
674 shall be paid if the body is cremated, but no amount shall be paid for  
675 the expenses for burial or cremation unless claim therefor is made  
676 within one year from the date of death, except that in cases of death  
677 occurring abroad, such claim may be made within one year after the  
678 remains of such veteran have been interred in this country. No  
679 provision of this section shall prevent the payment of the sum above  
680 named for the burial of any person, otherwise entitled to the same, on  
681 account of such burial being made outside the limits of this state. Upon  
682 satisfactory proof by the person who has paid or provided for the

683 funeral or burial expense to the commissioner of the identity of the  
684 deceased, the time and place of the deceased's death and burial and the  
685 approval thereof by the commissioner, said sum of one thousand eight  
686 hundred dollars shall be paid by the Comptroller to the person who  
687 has paid the funeral or burial expense or, upon assignment by such  
688 person, to the funeral director who has provided the funeral.  
689 Whenever the Comptroller has lawfully paid any sum toward the  
690 expenses of the burial of any deceased veteran and it afterwards  
691 appears that the deceased left any estate, the Comptroller may present  
692 a claim on behalf of the state against the estate of such deceased  
693 veteran for the sum so paid, and the claim shall be a preferred claim  
694 against such estate and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the state. The  
695 commissioner, upon the advice of the Attorney General, may make  
696 application for administration upon the estate of any such deceased  
697 veteran if no other person authorized by law makes such application  
698 within sixty days after such payment has been made by the  
699 Comptroller. As used in this section, "veteran" means any person (1)  
700 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
701 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as  
702 amended by this act, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in  
703 said section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or  
704 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

705 Sec. 23. Section 27-125 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
706 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

707 Any veteran who is a citizen of this state and who, through  
708 disability or other causes incident to service in the armed forces in time  
709 of war, is in need of temporary financial assistance may be provided  
710 for by the commissioner by a method similar to that provided in  
711 section 27-82, the amount and continuance of such assistance to be  
712 discretionary with the commissioner. The widow, widower and each  
713 child, parent, brother or sister of any member of the armed forces, who  
714 died while in such active service, may be assisted by the commissioner  
715 if such person or persons are without sufficient means of support by

716 reason of the death of such member of the armed forces. In carrying  
717 out his or her duties under the provisions of this section, the  
718 commissioner is directed to cooperate with such federal agencies as  
719 may aid in securing prompt and suitable treatment, care and relief of  
720 any such member of the armed forces or his or her dependents. The  
721 records of the agencies of the state shall be placed at the disposal of the  
722 commissioner and such agencies are directed to cooperate with and to  
723 assist the commissioner in carrying out his or her duties. As used in  
724 this section, "veteran" means any person (1) honorably discharged  
725 from, or released under honorable conditions from active service in,  
726 the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act,  
727 or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has  
728 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
729 active service in the armed forces.

730 Sec. 24. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
731 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

732 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be  
733 expended by it in furnishing temporary income; subsistence items such  
734 as food, wearing apparel, shelter and related expenses; medical or  
735 surgical aid or care or relief (1) to, or in bearing the funeral expenses  
736 of, soldiers, sailors or marines (A) (i) who performed service in time of  
737 war, as defined in [subsection (a) of] section 27-103, as amended by  
738 this act, in any branch of the military service of the United States,  
739 including the Connecticut National Guard, or (ii) who were engaged in  
740 any of the wars waged by the United States during said periods in the  
741 forces of any government associated with the United States, (B) (i) who  
742 have been honorably discharged therefrom or honorably released from  
743 active service therein, or (ii) with a qualifying condition, as defined in  
744 section 27-103, as amended by this act, who have received discharges  
745 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service therein,  
746 and (C) who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at the time of  
747 entering said armed forces of the United States, including the  
748 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, [or] (2) to

749 their spouses who are living with them, [or] (3) to their widows or  
 750 widowers who were living with them at the time of death, or (4) to  
 751 dependent children under eighteen years of age, who may be in need  
 752 of the same. All such payments shall be made by the American Legion  
 753 under authority of its bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the  
 754 procedure for proof of eligibility for such aid, provided payments  
 755 made for the care and treatment of any person entitled to the benefits  
 756 provided for herein, at any hospital receiving aid from the General  
 757 Assembly unless special care and treatment are required, shall be in  
 758 accordance with the provisions of section 17b-239, and provided the  
 759 sum expended for the care or treatment of such person at any other  
 760 place than a state-aided hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost  
 761 of supporting such person at the Healthcare Center in Rocky Hill  
 762 maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs, unless special care  
 763 and treatment are required, when such sum as may be determined by  
 764 the treasurer of such organization may be paid therefor. Upon the  
 765 completion of the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal  
 766 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, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2018</i>	12-81(19)



Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2018, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2018</i>	12-81(22)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2018, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after 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>	27-125
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-140

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a)(5), after "38 USC 1720D," "as amended from time to time," was inserted for accuracy and consistency; in Section 2(c)(D)(i), "who has been honorably" was changed to "honorably" for consistency; in Section 10(e)(2), "such veteran is accepted for admission to [said] such institution" was changed to "such veteran or person is accepted for admission to said institution" for accuracy and consistency; in Sections 11 to 13, inclusive, in the effective dates "*and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2018*" was inserted for clarity; in Section 15, the definition of "member of the armed forces" was added for clarity and consistency; and in Section 17, "his" was changed to "his or her" throughout for accuracy and consistency.

**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*