



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 226**

January Session, 2021

House Bill No. 6427

*House of Representatives, March 31, 2021*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. BOYD of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND BYLAWS OF THE MILITIA UNITS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 [Each organization of the armed forces of the state shall make bylaws  
4 for its government, which shall be binding on its members when  
5 approved by the regimental or corresponding commander and the  
6 Adjutant General; and all fines and dues imposed by such bylaws may  
7 be collected in accordance with such procedure as the Adjutant General  
8 may, by regulation, prescribe, provided notice shall be given to any  
9 delinquent of the incurrence of any fine or dues within thirty days of the  
10 date when the same has been incurred and notice may be given  
11 collectively of such fines or dues or both. The commanding officer of the  
12 organization shall be the president of the association created in the  
13 bylaws, except that, if two or more organizations combine in one  
14 association, the senior commanding officer shall be president. The

15 treasurer shall be elected from the enlisted personnel of the organization  
 16 or, if two or more organizations combine, from among the enlisted  
 17 personnel of one of the organizations. The treasurer of each such  
 18 organization shall give a bond to such organization in an amount  
 19 satisfactory to the Adjutant General. The premium on such bond shall  
 20 be paid by such organization.] The Governor shall determine the  
 21 organizational structure of the militia units pursuant to section 27-14.  
 22 Each militia unit shall be composed in a manner consistent with  
 23 National Guard or federal military units of similar composition, size and  
 24 purpose. The Adjutant General may adopt bylaws and regulations and  
 25 issue orders and circulars for the administration of the militia units.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |       |
| Section 1   | October 1, 2021 | 27-79 |

VA Joint Favorable

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*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill modifies the organizational structure and bylaws of militia units resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6427*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND BYLAWS OF THE MILITIA UNITS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates the requirement that each organization of the state's armed forces adopt bylaws. Under current law, these bylaws are binding on the members once approved by the adjutant general and regimental or corresponding commander.

The bill instead requires the governor, as commander-in-chief of the state's militia, to configure and administer the state's militia units similar to National Guard or federal military units of similar composition, size, and purpose. It also allows the adjutant general to issue bylaws, regulations, orders, and circulars to administer the militia units.

The bill also eliminates current provisions related to the bylaws, including those on the (1) collection of fines and dues, (2) leadership of associations created in the bylaws, and (3) election and bond requirements of the organization's treasurer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

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Yea 14    Nay 3    (03/18/2021)