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**Raised Bill No. 5294**

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 All [male citizens and all male residents of the state who have  
4 declared their intention to become citizens of the United States,] persons  
5 between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years [,] who are citizens, or  
6 who are residents of the state and have declared their intention to  
7 become citizens of the United States, and who are not exempt by law,  
8 shall be subject to military duty and designated as the militia. [All  
9 female citizens and all female residents of the state who have declared  
10 their intention to become citizens of the United States, between the ages  
11 of eighteen and forty-five years, may enlist voluntarily in any women's  
12 unit of the armed forces of the state.]

13 Sec. 2. Section 27-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

15 The militia shall be divided into four classes as follows: The  
16 unorganized militia, the organized militia, the National Guard and the  
17 naval militia. The National Guard for the purposes of this chapter shall  
18 consist of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. The  
19 unorganized militia shall consist of all [male citizens and all male  
20 residents of the state who have declared their intention to become  
21 citizens of the United States, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five  
22 years, not exempt from military duty by federal or state laws or by such  
23 reasons of physical or mental disabilities as shall be prescribed in  
24 general orders or regulations published by the Adjutant General and  
25 approved by the Governor and who are not members of the organized  
26 militia or of the National Guard or of the naval militia, and all female  
27 citizens and all female residents of the state who have declared their  
28 intention to become citizens of the United States, between the ages of  
29 eighteen and forty-five years, who may voluntarily offer their services  
30 to the state] persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years  
31 who are citizens, or who are residents of the state and have declared  
32 their intention to become citizens of the United States, who are not  
33 exempt from military duty by law and who are not members of any  
34 other of such classes. The organized militia shall consist of the  
35 Governor's Guards, the State Guard and such other military forces as  
36 may be designated by the Governor as commander-in-chief, which may  
37 hereafter be organized under the provisions of the laws of this state. The  
38 National Guard shall consist of such forces as may be organized and  
39 maintained by this state pursuant to the laws and regulations of the  
40 United States relating to the National Guard. The naval militia shall  
41 consist of such persons as may enlist or be appointed or commissioned  
42 therein as a special force for coast protection and as a naval reserve and  
43 shall be organized and maintained by this state pursuant to the laws and  
44 regulations of the United States relating to the naval militia and may  
45 include a marine corps branch of the naval militia subordinate thereto  
46 in all matters pertaining to command, discipline or administration. The  
47 organized militia, the National Guard, the naval militia and marine  
48 corps branch of the naval militia, whenever organized, shall be, for all

49 purposes under the general statutes, the armed forces of the state.

50 Sec. 3. Section 27-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

52 The Governor [shall] may appoint [the] a military staff that, if so  
53 appointed, shall consist of the Adjutant General, who shall be chief of  
54 staff with the rank of lieutenant general; the assistant adjutant generals,  
55 one of whom shall serve as deputy chief of staff as provided under  
56 subsection (c) of section 27-24; [the chief of staff for the Connecticut Air  
57 National Guard; an air aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel, who shall  
58 be the senior aviation officer of the Connecticut National Guard; a  
59 Surgeon General, who shall be the senior medical officer of the National  
60 Guard; one aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel from the United  
61 States Air Force Reserve; one aide-de-camp with the rank of captain  
62 from the United States Naval Reserve; one aide-de-camp with the rank  
63 of colonel from the United States Marine Corps Reserve; one aide-de-  
64 camp with the rank of colonel from the United States Army Reserve; one  
65 aide-de-camp with the rank of lieutenant commander from the United  
66 States Coast Guard Reserve; five aides-de-camp, two with the rank of  
67 colonel, two with the rank of lieutenant colonel and one with the rank  
68 of major, all of whom shall be from the National Guard; and two enlisted  
69 aides-de-camp with the rank of sergeant major from the National  
70 Guard] and such other officers and senior enlisted noncommissioned  
71 officers from the armed forces of the state and the armed forces of the  
72 United States as the Governor deems necessary. Members appointed  
73 from the armed forces of the state shall retain their federal or state  
74 grades and shall remain subject to duty therein. [and, if appointed to  
75 such staff in a rank lower than the highest grade attained in federal or  
76 state service, shall serve on the staff in their highest recognized grade.  
77 Any requirement of this section that any member of the Governor's  
78 military staff shall be a member of, or hold any rank in, the National  
79 Guard shall be inapplicable whenever the National Guard is in active  
80 service with the Army, Navy or Air Force of the United States and at  
81 such time the military staff of the Governor may be appointed by the

82 Governor from the organized or unorganized militia, ex-members of the  
83 United States Army or Navy or the Connecticut National Guard, or from  
84 civil life; and in addition to the active military staff the Governor may,  
85 at said Governor's discretion, appoint honorary staff members from the  
86 former National Guard or naval militia then on active military duty.]  
87 The Governor, or the Adjutant General, at any other time [,] may  
88 appoint honorary staff members to the Connecticut National Guard  
89 without regard to affiliation who shall serve without the pay, honors,  
90 privileges and benefits afforded [the] active [staff] members, including,  
91 but not limited to, allowances and tuition waivers. [The majors  
92 commandant of the first and second companies Governor's Foot Guards  
93 and the Governor's Horse Guards shall be ex-officio members of the  
94 Governor's military staff. The Governor shall also appoint the  
95 immediate predecessors of such majors commandant to serve as  
96 additional ex-officio members. In addition to the above-named officers,  
97 the Governor shall appoint three additional staff members, one of whom  
98 shall be a colonel or of equivalent naval rank and two of whom shall be  
99 majors or of equivalent naval rank.]

100 Sec. 4. Section 27-39a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
101 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

102 (a) The state military training facility in Niantic shall be named Camp  
103 Nett [at Niantic] in honor of Connecticut Army National Guard Colonel  
104 Robert B. Nett, recipient of the congressional medal of honor for his  
105 actions on December 14, 1944, during the Second World War.

106 (b) The state military training facility in Windsor Locks shall be  
107 named Camp Hartell in honor of Connecticut Army National Guard  
108 First Lieutenant Lee R. Hartell, recipient of the congressional medal of  
109 honor for his actions on August 27, 1951, during the Korean hostilities.

110 Sec. 5. Section 27-19c of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is  
111 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
112 *1, 2026*):

113 There is established an account to be known as the "chargeable  
114 transient quarters and billeting account", which shall be a separate,  
115 nonlapsing account. The account shall contain any moneys required by  
116 law to be deposited in the account, which shall include, but not be  
117 limited to, proceeds of room service charges at Camp Nett. [at Niantic.]  
118 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Adjutant General for  
119 the purposes of billeting members of the armed forces at Camp Nett. [at  
120 Niantic.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	27-1
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	27-2
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	27-15
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	27-39a
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	27-19c

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) specify that all citizens and state residents intending to become United States citizens, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, are subject to state military duty, (2) provide for greater discretion in the appointment of the Governor's military staff, and (3) rename the state military training facility in Niantic as Camp Nett.

*[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.]*