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To: Senate Bill No. 558

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***"An Act Concerning The Soldiers, Sailors And Marines'
Fund And Granting Veterans Of Service In South Korea,
Somalia And Bosnia Wartime Veteran Status."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following
2 in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
6 expended by it in furnishing food, wearing apparel, medical or
7 surgical aid or care or relief to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,
8 soldiers, sailors or marines who [served] performed service in time of
9 war, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, in any branch of the
10 military service of the United States, [between April 6, 1917, and
11 November 11, 1918, or between December 7, 1941, and December 31,
12 1946, all dates inclusive, or served in the Spanish-American War
13 between April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902, inclusive, and actual

14 participation in hostilities in the Moro Province to July 15, 1903, or any
15 persons who served in the military or naval forces between June 27,
16 1950, and December 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, or who served in
17 the military or naval forces during the Vietnam era, as defined in
18 subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in the military or naval
19 forces during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm,
20 August 2, 1990, until the cessation of hostilities as determined by the
21 President of the United States or until a date established by an act of
22 the General Assembly,] or who were engaged in any of the wars
23 waged by the United States during said periods in the forces of any
24 government associated with the United States, who have been
25 honorably discharged therefrom or honorably released from active
26 service therein, and who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at
27 the time of entering said armed forces of the United States or of any
28 such government, or to their spouses who are living with them, or to
29 their widows or widowers who were living with them at the time of
30 death, or dependent children under eighteen years of age, who may be
31 in need of the same. All such payments shall be made by the American
32 Legion under authority of its bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the
33 procedure for proof of eligibility for such aid and shall be approved by
34 the trustee, provided payments made for the care and treatment of any
35 person entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at any hospital
36 receiving aid from the General Assembly unless special care and
37 treatment are required, shall be in accordance with the provisions of
38 section 17b-239, as amended, and provided the sum expended for the
39 care or treatment of such person at any other place than a state-aided
40 hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost of supporting such
41 person at the Veterans' Home and Hospital, unless special care and
42 treatment are required, when such sum as may be determined by the
43 treasurer of such organization may be paid therefor. The treasurer of
44 such organization shall account to said trustee during the months of
45 January, April, July and October for all moneys disbursed by it during
46 the three months next preceding the first day of either of said months,
47 and such account shall show the amount of and the name and address
48 of each person to whom such aid has been furnished. Upon the

49 completion of the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal
50 fund so held by said trustee shall revert to the State Treasury.

51 Sec. 2. Section 27-103 of the general statutes, as amended by section
52 2 of public act 99-272, is repealed and the following is substituted in
53 lieu thereof:

54 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as
55 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,
56 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force; (2) "veteran" means
57 any person honorably discharged from, or released under honorable
58 conditions from active service in, the armed forces; (3) "service in time
59 of war" means service of ninety or more days except, if the war,
60 campaign or other operation lasted less than ninety days, "service in
61 time of war" means service for the entire duration of the war,
62 campaign or other operation, unless separated from service earlier
63 because of a service-connected disability rated by the Veterans'
64 Administration, during the Spanish-American War, April 21, 1898, to
65 August 13, 1898; the Philippine insurrection, August 13, 1898, to July 4,
66 1902, but as to engagements in the Moro Province, to July 15, 1903; the
67 Boxer Rebellion, June 20, 1900, to May 12, 1901; the Cuban pacification,
68 September 12, 1906, to April 1, 1909; the Nicaraguan campaign, August
69 28, 1912, to November 2, 1913; the Haitian campaign, July 9, 1915, to
70 December 6, 1915; the punitive expedition into Mexico, March 10, 1916,
71 to April 6, 1917; World War I, April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, but
72 as to service in Russia, to April 1, 1920; World War II, December 7,
73 1941, to December 31, 1946; and the Korean hostilities, June 27, 1950, to
74 January 31, 1955; and shall include service during the Lebanon conflict,
75 July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958; the Berlin Airlift, August 14, 1961, to
76 June 1, 1962; and the Vietnam era, February 28, 1961, to July 1, 1975;
77 and shall include service while engaged in combat or a combat support
78 role during the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982,
79 to March 30, 1984; the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
80 December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of
81 Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf,
82 February 1, 1987, to July 23, 1987; and the invasion of Panama,

83 December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990; and shall include service
84 during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, August 2,
85 1990, to June 30, 1994; and shall include active duty for service in the
86 demilitarized zone in South Korea after February 1, 1955, in Somalia
87 after December 2, 1992, and in Bosnia after December 20, 1995, and
88 shall include service during such periods with the armed forces of any
89 government associated with the United States.

90 (b) As used in this part, "home" means the Veterans' Home and
91 Hospital maintained by the state; "hospital" means any incorporated
92 hospital or tuberculosis sanatorium in the state and any state chronic
93 disease hospital, mental hospital or training school for the mentally
94 retarded, "veteran" means any veteran who served in time of war, as
95 defined by subsection (a), and who is a resident of this state, provided,
96 if he was not a resident or resident alien of this state at the time of
97 enlistment or induction into the armed forces, he shall have resided
98 continuously in this state for at least two years; "eligible dependent"
99 means any parent, wife or husband, or child of a veteran who has no
100 adequate means of support; and "eligible family member" means any
101 parent, brother or sister, wife or husband, or child or children under
102 eighteen years of age, of any veteran whose cooperation in the
103 program is integral to the treatment of the veteran."