



General Assembly

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Bill No. 125

LCO No. 722

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:

SEN. EADS, 30th Dist.

REP. WARD, 86th Dist.

***An Act Concerning Firing Squads At Funerals Of Veterans Of
The United States Armed Forces Or National Guard.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-76 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 When requested by the commander of any accredited veteran
4 organization or by friends or relatives of any deceased person who has
5 served in any of the armed forces of the United States during time of
6 war, as defined by [statute] section 27-103, as amended, or who has
7 served in the National Guard for more than twenty years or who has
8 died while a member of the National Guard, the Adjutant General
9 shall order a uniformed firing squad from the National Guard, the
10 naval militia, the State Guard or the organized militia to attend the
11 funeral, except that if a uniformed firing squad from such guard or
12 militia is unavailable or committed elsewhere the Adjutant General
13 shall request a uniformed firing squad from a bona fide Connecticut
14 state veterans' organization, provided such firing squad shall comply
15 with the rules and procedures set forth in Connecticut National Guard

16 regulation 37-106. Such firing squad shall consist of not more than five
17 [riflemen or riflewomen] squad members plus one bugler. The
18 members thereof shall be compensated at the rate of [seventy-five per
19 cent of one day's basic pay, provided such pay, regardless of rank,
20 shall be no less than fifteen dollars nor more than thirty dollars a day]
21 fifty dollars per day. Such compensation shall be paid from funds
22 appropriated to the Adjutant General for the pay of the National
23 Guard and from federal funds received for that purpose.

24 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

PS Committee Vote: Yea 14 Nay 0 JF

APP Committee Vote: Yea 50 Nay 0 JF