



General Assembly

February Session, 2000

Raised Bill No. 558

LCO No. 2204

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

An Act Concerning The Soldiers, Sailors And Marines' Fund.

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

1 Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
4 expended by it in furnishing food, wearing apparel, medical or
5 surgical aid or care or relief to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,
6 soldiers, sailors or marines who [served] performed service in time of
7 war, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, in any branch of the
8 military service of the United States, [between April 6, 1917, and
9 November 11, 1918, or between December 7, 1941, and December 31,
10 1946, all dates inclusive, or served in the Spanish-American War
11 between April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902, inclusive, and actual
12 participation in hostilities in the Moro Province to July 15, 1903, or any
13 persons who served in the military or naval forces between June 27,
14 1950, and December 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, or who served in
15 the military or naval forces during the Vietnam era, as defined in
16 subsection (a) of section 27-103, or who served in the military or naval
17 forces during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm,

18 August 2, 1990, until the cessation of hostilities as determined by the
19 President of the United States or until a date established by an act of
20 the General Assembly,] or who were engaged in any of the wars
21 waged by the United States during said periods in the forces of any
22 government associated with the United States, who have been
23 honorably discharged therefrom or honorably released from active
24 service therein, and who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at
25 the time of entering said armed forces of the United States or of any
26 such government, or to their spouses who are living with them, or to
27 their widows or widowers who were living with them at the time of
28 death, or dependent children under eighteen years of age, who may be
29 in need of the same. All such payments shall be made by the American
30 Legion under authority of its bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the
31 procedure for proof of eligibility for such aid and shall be approved by
32 the trustee, provided payments made for the care and treatment of any
33 person entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at any hospital
34 receiving aid from the General Assembly unless special care and
35 treatment are required, shall be in accordance with the provisions of
36 section 17b-239, as amended, and provided the sum expended for the
37 care or treatment of such person at any other place than a state-aided
38 hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost of supporting such
39 person at the Veterans' Home and Hospital, unless special care and
40 treatment are required, when such sum as may be determined by the
41 treasurer of such organization may be paid therefor. The treasurer of
42 such organization shall account to said trustee during the months of
43 January, April, July and October for all moneys disbursed by it during
44 the three months next preceding the first day of either of said months,
45 and such account shall show the amount of and the name and address
46 of each person to whom such aid has been furnished. Upon the
47 completion of the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal
48 fund so held by said trustee shall revert to the State Treasury.

PS **Committee Vote:** Yea 22 Nay 0 JF