



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 315

LCO No. 289

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT ALLOWING ACCESS TO THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES' FUND BY MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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 are performing service or performed
7 service in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as
8 amended, in any branch of the military service of the United States,
9 including the Connecticut National Guard, or who were engaged in
10 any of the wars waged by the United States during said periods in the
11 forces of any government associated with the United States, who, if
12 discharged, have been honorably discharged therefrom or honorably
13 released from active service therein, and who were citizens or resident
14 aliens of the state at the time of entering said armed forces of the
15 United States, including the Connecticut National Guard, or of any

16 such government, or to their spouses who are living with them, or to
17 their widows or widowers who were living with them at the time of
18 death, or dependent children under eighteen years of age, who may be
19 in need of the same. All such payments shall be made by the American
20 Legion under authority of its bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the
21 procedure for proof of eligibility for such aid and shall be approved by
22 the trustee, provided payments made for the care and treatment of any
23 person entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at any hospital
24 receiving aid from the General Assembly unless special care and
25 treatment are required, shall be in accordance with the provisions of
26 section 17b-239, as amended, and provided the sum expended for the
27 care or treatment of such person at any other place than a state-aided
28 hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost of supporting such
29 person at the Veterans' Home and Hospital, unless special care and
30 treatment are required, when such sum as may be determined by the
31 treasurer of such organization may be paid therefor. The treasurer of
32 such organization shall account to said trustee during the months of
33 January, April, July and October for all moneys disbursed by it during
34 the three months next preceding the first day of either of said months,
35 and such account shall show the amount of and the name and address
36 of each person to whom such aid has been furnished. Upon the
37 completion of the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal
38 fund so held by said trustee shall revert to the State Treasury.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To allow members of the Connecticut National Guard, who serve both the state and country in their military capacity, to have access to the benefits of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines' Fund.

[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.]