



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 315**

February Session, 2004

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**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 Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 performed service in time of war, as  
7 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended, in any branch  
8 of the military service of the United States, including the Connecticut  
9 National Guard, or who were engaged in any of the wars waged by the  
10 United States during said periods in the forces of any government  
11 associated with the United States, who have been honorably  
12 discharged therefrom or honorably released from active service  
13 therein, and who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at the time  
14 of entering said armed forces of the United States, including the  
15 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, or to their  
16 spouses who are living with them, or to their widows or widowers  
17 who were living with them at the time of death, or dependent children  
18 under eighteen years of age, who may be in need of the same. All such  
19 payments shall be made by the American Legion under authority of its

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

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

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*