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**Bill No. 1059**

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans Affairs

Introduced by:

SEN. DELUCA, 32<sup>nd</sup> Dist.

REP. WARD, 86<sup>th</sup> Dist.

***AN ACT CREATING A BONUS FOR SERVICE DURING ENDURING  
FREEDOM AND IRAQI FREEDOM AND CREATING DEATH BENEFITS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) As used in this section  
2 and section 2 of this act, "eligible member or veteran" means a member  
3 of the Connecticut National Guard who (1) is called to active service on  
4 or after September 11, 2001, (2) is in such active service for at least  
5 ninety consecutive days, (3) during such active service, is deployed to  
6 Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or  
7 Operation Iraqi Freedom, and (4) if discharged, is honorably  
8 discharged or discharged for injuries sustained in the line of duty.

9 (b) The Adjutant General shall pay each eligible member or veteran  
10 a bonus for military service in the amount of fifty dollars for each  
11 month or major part thereof of active service on or after September 11,  
12 2001, in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or  
13 Operation Iraqi Freedom. The maximum payment to any eligible  
14 member or veteran shall not exceed one thousand dollars. No bonus

15 shall be paid to any eligible member or veteran who makes application  
16 for such bonus later than three years after the date of the cessation of  
17 such operations in which such member or veteran served.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Adjutant General shall  
19 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of  
20 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of section 1 of this  
21 act. Such regulations shall include procedures for verification of  
22 eligibility of an eligible member or veteran and for the application for  
23 and payment of such bonus.

24 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) If any resident of the state who  
25 is a member of the armed forces of the United States or of any state or  
26 of any reserve component thereof and who is called to active service  
27 and deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring  
28 Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom is, on or after September 11, 2001,  
29 killed in action or dies as a result of an accident or illness sustained  
30 while performing active military duty with the armed forces of the  
31 United States and is survived by:

32 (1) A spouse and a dependent child or children under eighteen  
33 years of age, the Comptroller shall draw (A) an order on the Treasurer  
34 for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, payable in equal  
35 monthly installments over a period of not less than ten years to such  
36 member's spouse, except that any such payments shall terminate on  
37 the death or remarriage of such spouse during said ten-year period,  
38 and (B) an order on the Treasurer for monthly payments of fifty dollars  
39 for each dependent child under eighteen years of age, payable to such  
40 spouse or the guardian of each such child, until such child reaches  
41 eighteen years of age;

42 (2) No spouse and a dependent child or children under eighteen  
43 years of age, the Comptroller shall draw (A) an order on the Treasurer  
44 for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, payable in equal  
45 monthly installments over a period of not less than ten years to the  
46 guardian of such child or children on behalf of and for the care of such

47 child or children, except that any such payments shall terminate when  
 48 the youngest of such children reaches eighteen years of age during  
 49 said ten-year period, and (B) an order on the Treasurer for monthly  
 50 payments of fifty dollars for each dependent child under eighteen  
 51 years of age, payable to the guardian of such child, on behalf of and for  
 52 the care of such child, until such child reaches eighteen years of age;

53 (3) A spouse and no child or children under eighteen years of age,  
 54 the Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer for the sum of  
 55 fifty thousand dollars payable in equal monthly installments over a  
 56 period of not less than five years, to such spouse, except that any such  
 57 payments shall terminate on the death or remarriage of such spouse  
 58 during such five-year period;

59 (4) No spouse and no child or children under eighteen years of age  
 60 but a parent or parents dependent upon such member, the  
 61 Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer for the sum of fifty  
 62 thousand dollars, payable to such member's parent or parents in equal  
 63 monthly installments over a period of not less than five years, except  
 64 that (A) on the death of one such parent, the surviving parent shall  
 65 continue to receive the entire monthly payments under the provisions  
 66 of this subdivision, and (B) on the death of such surviving parent  
 67 during such five-year period, such payments shall cease.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[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.]*