



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5488**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF VETERAN AND THE REPORTING OF VETERAN'S BENEFITS.**

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

1       Section 1. Section 27-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3       (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as  
4 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,  
5 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve  
6 component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard  
7 performing duty as provided in Title 32 of the United States Code; (2)  
8 "veteran" means any person honorably discharged from, or released  
9 under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces;  
10 (3) "service in time of war" means service of ninety or more days  
11 except, if the period of war [, campaign or other operation] lasted less  
12 than ninety days, "service in time of war" means service for the entire  
13 [duration of the] period of war, [campaign or other operation,] unless  
14 separated from service earlier because of a service-connected disability  
15 rated by the Veterans' Administration, during a period of war; and (4)  
16 "period of war" [,] has the same meaning as [defined] provided in 38  
17 USC 101, as amended, except that the "Vietnam Era" means the period  
18 beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on July 1, 1975, in all  
19 cases; and "period of war" shall include service while engaged in

20 combat or a combat support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958, to  
21 November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984; Grenada,  
22 October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will,  
23 involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag  
24 in the Persian Gulf, February 1, 1987, to July 23, 1987; and Panama,  
25 December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall include service  
26 during such periods with the armed forces of any government  
27 associated with the United States.

28 (b) As used in this part, "home" means the Veterans' Home  
29 maintained by the state; "hospital" means any incorporated hospital or  
30 tuberculosis sanatorium in the state and any state chronic disease  
31 hospital, mental hospital or training school for the mentally retarded,  
32 "veteran" means any veteran who served in time of war, as defined  
33 [by] in subsection (a) of this section, and who is a resident of this state,  
34 provided, if he was not a resident or resident alien of this state at the  
35 time of enlistment or induction into the armed forces, he shall have  
36 resided continuously in this state for at least two years; "eligible  
37 dependent" means any parent, wife or husband, or child of a veteran  
38 who has no adequate means of support; and "eligible family member"  
39 means any parent, brother or sister, wife or husband, or child or  
40 children under eighteen years of age, of any veteran whose  
41 cooperation in the program is integral to the treatment of the veteran.

42 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Not later than July 15,  
43 2007, and annually thereafter, each state agency or municipality that  
44 provides benefits to veterans, as defined in section 27-103 of the  
45 general statutes, as amended by this act, shall submit a report to the  
46 Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs that includes a description of each  
47 type of benefit provided to veterans, the value of such benefit and the  
48 number of veterans to whom such benefit was provided, for the  
49 twelve-month period ending on June thirtieth of the same year. The  
50 commissioner shall compile the data in such report.

51 (b) Not later than August 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the  
52 Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs shall submit a report of the data

