



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:

(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MILITARY FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 (a) As used in this section "military facility" means any state-owned
4 military building.

5 [(a)] (b) The Adjutant General is charged with the responsibility for
6 the use and maintenance of all armories, rifle ranges, reservations and
7 other military property under the provisions for such use imposed by
8 the statutes. Each [armory] military facility shall be under the charge of
9 a commissioned officer, designated by the Adjutant General, and may
10 be [rented] leased by him as herein prescribed. Each application for the
11 [rental of an armory] lease of such facility shall be made to the officer
12 in charge of such [armory] facility, who shall forward such application
13 [, with recommendations,] to the Adjutant General, who shall approve
14 or disapprove such application and so advise the applicant. [through
15 such armory officer.] The Adjutant General shall limit the lease of
16 military facilities to military and nonprofit organizations,

17 organizations receiving state aid and governmental agencies. Proceeds
18 from the [rental of armories] lease of military facilities shall be paid to
19 the Adjutant General and shall be by him paid promptly into the
20 Treasury of the state. The Adjutant General shall, in [state armories]
21 military facilities where space is available, assign [quarters to camps
22 and posts of war veterans] space to veteran service organizations for
23 their joint uses, subject to the regulations concerning [armories]
24 military facilities. [Such quarters shall be provided for in any new
25 armory which may be built.] Units of the armed forces of the state and
26 [veteran] veterans' organizations [quartered in armories, or entitled by
27 law to quarters,] jointly utilizing military facilities shall be allowed the
28 use of the drill shed and such other portions of the building as are
29 usually included when [armories] military facilities are leased, upon
30 proper application through regular channels and subject to the
31 following conditions and terms: When no admissions are charged,
32 [rental] the lease shall be free up to midnight on the regular meeting
33 night of the organization making application. If the use of the [armory]
34 military facility is required after midnight, the regular military [rental]
35 rate shall be charged. At all other times and for entertainments when
36 admissions are charged, the military [rental] rate shall be charged
37 [units of the armed forces of the state or veteran] veterans'
38 organizations [quartered in or entitled by law to quarters in an
39 armory] jointly using the military facility. Nothing in this chapter shall
40 be construed as allowing the [rental] lease of any [armory] military
41 facility (1) on the drill night of any active military organization
42 stationed in the [armory] facility or in a manner that conflicts with the
43 military usage of the facility, or (2) the use of any [armory] military
44 facility at a reduced [rental] rate by any [veteran] veterans'
45 organization for the purpose of conducting any athletic contest or
46 other entertainment for which full nonmilitary [rental] rate is charged
47 military organizations. In no case shall any [veteran] veterans'
48 organization be allowed use of any [armory] military facility for the
49 purpose of subleasing.

50 [(b)] (c) Agricultural and other associations that receive state aid

51 [shall] and military organizations may be allowed the use of [state
 52 armories for exhibition purposes] military facilities at a cost not
 53 exceeding the actual maintenance cost of such [armories] facilities
 54 during the period of such use. Applications for such use [shall] may be
 55 made to the Adjutant General through the officer in charge of the
 56 [armory] military facility desired to be used. In all cases when
 57 admission is charged, a certificate of insurance, approved by the
 58 Adjutant General, indemnifying the state against injuries to person and
 59 damage to property shall be furnished, the cost of the certificate to be
 60 in addition to the [rental] leasing or maintenance charge. The Adjutant
 61 General may allow the use of any [state armory] military facility,
 62 without charge, [for rental,] by (1) any public or private nonprofit
 63 elementary or secondary school or any [regional community-technical
 64 college] public institution of higher education for purposes of athletic
 65 events with respect to which no admission is charged, [and] (2) the
 66 American [National] Red Cross for purposes of blood supply
 67 programs, and (3) any local, state or federal governmental agency,
 68 provided any such use does not conflict with the use of such [armory]
 69 facility for military purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	27-39

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the leasing of other military facilities that are not armories and amend the leasing procedures.

[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.]