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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 169

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Cal. No. 474

**"AN ACT CONCERNING DISABLED VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION."**

1 Strike lines 1 to 25, inclusive, and substitute the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

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 Section 27-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

5 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as  
6 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,  
7 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve  
8 component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard  
9 performing duty as provided in Title 32 of the United States Code; (2)  
10 "veteran" means any person honorably discharged from, or released

11 under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces;  
12 (3) "service in time of war" means service of ninety or more days  
13 except, if the period of war [, campaign or other operation] lasted less  
14 than ninety days, "service in time of war" means service for the entire  
15 [duration of the] period of war, [campaign or other operation,] unless  
16 separated from service earlier because of a service-connected disability  
17 rated by the Veterans' Administration, during a period of war; and (4)  
18 "period of war" [,] has the same meaning as [defined] provided in 38  
19 USC 101, as amended, except that the "Vietnam Era" means the period  
20 beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on July 1, 1975, in all  
21 cases; and "period of war" shall include service while engaged in  
22 combat or a combat support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958, to  
23 November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984; Grenada,  
24 October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will,  
25 involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag  
26 in the Persian Gulf, February 1, 1987, to July 23, 1987; and Panama,  
27 December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall include service  
28 during such periods with the armed forces of any government  
29 associated with the United States.

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

44 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Not later than July 15,

45 2007, and annually thereafter, each state agency or municipality that  
46 provides benefits to veterans, as defined in section 27-103 of the  
47 general statutes, as amended by this act, shall submit a report to the  
48 Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs that includes a description of each  
49 type of benefit provided to veterans, the value of such benefit and the  
50 number of veterans to whom such benefit was provided, for the  
51 twelve-month period ending on June thirtieth of the same year. The  
52 commissioner shall compile the data in such report.

53 (b) Not later than August 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the  
54 Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs shall submit a report of the data  
55 compiled pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, for the twelve-  
56 month period ending on June thirtieth of the same year, to the Military  
57 Department and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
58 having cognizance of matters relating to public safety, in accordance  
59 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report  
60 shall specify the total number of veterans receiving benefits and the  
61 value of such benefits by category of benefit and in total for such  
62 period.

63 Sec. 3. Subdivision (19) of section 12-81 of the 2006 supplement to  
64 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
65 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

66 (19) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95,  
67 property to the amount of one thousand dollars belonging to, or held  
68 in trust for [ ] (a) any resident of this state who [(a)] is a veteran of the  
69 armed forces, [in service in time of war,] (b) any resident of this state  
70 who was a citizen of the United States at the time of his enlistment and  
71 who was in the military or naval service of a government allied or  
72 associated with that of the United States during the Second World War  
73 and received an honorable discharge therefrom, (c) any resident of this  
74 state who served during the Second World War as a member of any  
75 armed force of any government signatory to the United Nations  
76 Declaration of January 1, 1942, and participated in armed conflict with  
77 an enemy of the United States and who has been a citizen of the United

78 States for at least ten years and presents satisfactory evidence of such  
79 service, (d) any resident of this state who served as a member of the  
80 crew of a merchant vessel during the Second World War and is  
81 qualified with respect to such service as a member of the group known  
82 as the "American Merchant Marine in ocean-going service during the  
83 period of armed conflict, December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945",  
84 members of which are deemed to be eligible for certain veterans  
85 benefits under a determination in the United States Department of  
86 Defense, as recorded in the Federal Register of February 1, 1988,  
87 provided such resident has received an armed forces discharge  
88 certificate from the Department of Defense on the basis of such service,  
89 (e) any member of the armed forces who was in service in time of war  
90 and is still in the service and by reason of continuous service has not as  
91 yet received a discharge, (f) any person who is retired from the armed  
92 forces after thirty years of service because he has reached the age limit  
93 prescribed by law or because he suffers from mental or physical  
94 disability, or (g) any person who is serving in the armed services in  
95 time of war; or lacking said amount of property in his own name, so  
96 much of the property belonging to, or held in trust for, his spouse, who  
97 is domiciled with him, as is necessary to equal said amount. For the  
98 purposes of this subdivision, "veteran", "armed forces" and "service in  
99 time of war" have the same meaning as in section 27-103."