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Committee Bill No. 6949

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:

(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING A SERVICE BONUS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH THE ARMED FORCES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-61a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007, and*
3 *applicable to service on or after said date*):

4 (a) As used in this section, "eligible member or veteran" means a
5 member or former member of the United States Army, Navy, Marine
6 Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve component thereof,
7 including the Connecticut National Guard, who (1) is or was called to
8 active service on or after September 11, 2001, (2) is or was in such
9 active service for at least ninety consecutive days, [(3) during such
10 active service, is or was deployed to an area designated as a combat
11 zone by the President of the United States, and (4)] and (3) if
12 discharged, is or was honorably discharged or discharged for injuries
13 sustained in the line of duty.

14 (b) On and after July 1, 2005, the Adjutant General shall pay each
15 eligible member or veteran the amount of fifty dollars for each month

16 or major part thereof of active service by such eligible member or
17 veteran on or after September 11, 2001. The maximum payment to any
18 eligible member or veteran shall not exceed five hundred dollars,
19 except that such maximum payment shall not exceed one thousand
20 dollars if, during such active service, such eligible member or veteran
21 is or was deployed to an area designated as a combat zone by the
22 President of the United States. No payment shall be made to any
23 eligible member or veteran who makes application for such payment
24 later than three years after the date of the cessation of such operations
25 in which such member or veteran served.

26 (c) The Adjutant General, in consultation with the Commissioner of
27 Veterans' Affairs, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
28 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.
29 Such regulations shall include procedures for verification of eligibility
30 of an eligible member or veteran and for the application for and
31 payment of the amounts specified in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007, and applicable to service on or after said date</i>	27-61a

Statement of Purpose:

To extend eligibility and increase the service bonus for members of the armed forces.

[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.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. PISCOPO, 76th Dist.

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