



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6949

January Session, 2007

* HB06949VA_APP030107 *

AN ACT CONCERNING A SERVICE BONUS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD 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 Section 27-61a of the general statutes is repealed and the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*):

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

11 (b) (1) On and after July 1, 2005, the Adjutant General shall pay each
12 eligible member or veteran the amount of fifty dollars for each month
13 or major part thereof of active service by such eligible member or
14 veteran on or after September 11, 2001. [The] On and before June 30,
15 2007, the maximum payment to any eligible member or veteran shall
16 not exceed five hundred dollars. [No payment shall be made to any
17 eligible member or veteran who makes application for such payment
18 later than three years after the date of the cessation of such operations

19 in which such member or veteran served.]

20 (2) On and after July 1, 2007, the maximum payment to any eligible
21 member or veteran under this subsection shall not exceed five hundred
22 dollars, except that such maximum payment shall not exceed one
23 thousand two hundred dollars if, during such active service, such
24 eligible member or veteran is or was deployed to an area designated as
25 a combat zone by the President of the United States.

26 (3) No payment shall be made under this subsection to any eligible
27 member or veteran who makes application for such payment later than
28 three years after the date of the cessation of such operations in which
29 such member or veteran served.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	27-61a

VA

Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

APP