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"AN ACT CONCERNING A SERVICE BONUS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH THE ARMED FORCES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 27-138 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund shall remain as established
6 and shall be in the custody of the Treasurer as trustee of [said] the fund
7 and shall be administered by the treasurer of the American Legion.
8 The Treasurer shall [administer said] invest the fund [as required by
9 the provisions of this chapter,] and shall reinvest as much of [said] the
10 fund as is not required for current disbursement in accordance with
11 the provisions of part I of chapter 32. The interest accumulations of the
12 fund so held in trust or so much thereof as is found necessary to carry

13 out the purposes hereinafter stated shall be paid, upon the order of the
14 Comptroller, upon such statements as [he] the Comptroller may
15 require, to the treasurer of the American Legion, who shall disburse
16 the same, and the balance of said accumulations, except for a reserve of
17 one hundred thousand dollars held in custody of the trustee for
18 contingent purposes, shall at the end of each fiscal year be added to the
19 principal of the fund. If the interest accumulations of the fund,
20 together with available appropriations, if any, of other funds, are
21 insufficient to carry out the purposes of this part, the Finance Advisory
22 Committee, upon recommendation of the Governor, shall make
23 appropriations therefor from the state General Fund, limited, however,
24 for any fiscal year to amounts which, together with said interest
25 accumulations for such year, shall not exceed the annual interest on
26 thirty-five million dollars at the average rate of the investment yield
27 earned during the preceding fiscal year on the Soldiers, Sailors and
28 Marines Fund, provided, in case of disaster constituting an emergency,
29 as declared by the Governor, the Finance Advisory Committee may
30 make additional appropriations to [said] the fund without regard to
31 such limitation. Payments to the treasurer of the American Legion
32 shall be made at such definite and stated periods as are necessary to
33 meet the convenience of the American Legion and said trustee; but
34 each payment shall be made upon the order of the treasurer of the
35 American Legion, approved by at least two of its executive officers or
36 of a special committee thereof thereunto specially authorized. No part
37 of the interest accumulation of [said] the fund shall be expended for
38 the purpose of maintaining the American Legion.

39 Sec. 502. Section 27-138a of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

41 The [trustee] treasurer of the American Legion as administrator of
42 the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund [shall] may make available at
43 each town clerk's office a copy of the regulations of [said] the fund and
44 applications for aid from [said] the fund.

45 Sec. 503. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the

46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

47 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
48 expended by it in furnishing food, wearing apparel, medical or
49 surgical aid or care or relief to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,
50 soldiers, sailors or marines who performed service in time of war, as
51 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, in any branch of the
52 military service of the United States, including the Connecticut
53 National Guard, or who were engaged in any of the wars waged by the
54 United States during said periods in the forces of any government
55 associated with the United States, who have been honorably
56 discharged therefrom or honorably released from active service
57 therein, and who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at the time
58 of entering said armed forces of the United States, including the
59 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, or to their
60 spouses who are living with them, or to their widows or widowers
61 who were living with them at the time of death, or dependent children
62 under eighteen years of age, who may be in need of the same. All such
63 payments shall be made by the American Legion under authority of its
64 bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the procedure for proof of
65 eligibility for such aid, [and shall be approved by the trustee,]
66 provided payments made for the care and treatment of any person
67 entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at any hospital receiving
68 aid from the General Assembly unless special care and treatment are
69 required, shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 17b-239,
70 and provided the sum expended for the care or treatment of such
71 person at any other place than a state-aided hospital shall in no case
72 exceed the actual cost of supporting such person at the Veterans'
73 Home, unless special care and treatment are required, when such sum
74 as may be determined by the treasurer of such organization may be
75 paid therefor. The treasurer of such organization shall account to [said
76 trustee] the Governor and the General Assembly during the months of
77 January, April, July and October for all moneys disbursed by it during
78 the three months next preceding the first day of either of said months,
79 and such account shall show the amount of and the name and address

80 of each person to whom such aid has been furnished. Upon the
81 completion of the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal
82 fund [so held by said trustee] shall revert to the State Treasury."