



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6405

LCO No. 2856

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MILITARY SUPPORT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-453d of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in
4 collaboration with the Department of Children and Families, shall
5 provide behavioral health services, on a transitional basis, for the
6 dependents and any member of any [reserve] component of the armed
7 forces of the United States who has been called to active service in the
8 armed forces of this state or the United States for Operation Enduring
9 Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom. Such transitional services shall
10 be provided when no Department of Defense coverage for such
11 services is available or such member is not eligible for such services
12 through the Department of Defense, until an approved application is
13 received from the federal Department of Veterans' Affairs and
14 coverage is available to such member and such member's dependents.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	17a-453d
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand eligibility for behavioral health services to any member of the armed forces of the United States who has been called to active service for Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

[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.]