



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6407

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AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
4 expended by it in furnishing food, wearing apparel, medical or
5 surgical aid or care or relief to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,
6 soldiers, sailors or marines who (1) performed service in time of war,
7 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, in any branch of the
8 military service of the United States, including the Connecticut
9 National Guard, or [who] were engaged in any of the wars waged by
10 the United States during said periods in the forces of any government
11 associated with the United States, [who] (2) have been honorably
12 discharged therefrom or honorably released from active service
13 therein, [and who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at the
14 time of entering said armed forces of the United States, including the
15 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, or to their
16 spouses who are living with them, or to their widows or widowers
17 who were living with them at the time of death, or dependent children
18 under eighteen years of age, who may be in need of the same] and (3)
19 were citizens or resident aliens of the state upon application for and

20 while in receipt of assistance under this section. The spouses living
21 with such soldiers, sailors and marines, the widows or widowers who
22 were living with such soldiers, sailors and marines at the time of death
23 of such soldiers, sailors and marines, or the dependent children under
24 eighteen years of age of such soldiers, sailors and marines, shall
25 receive payments under this section. All such payments shall be made
26 by the American Legion under authority of its bylaws, which bylaws
27 shall set forth the procedure for proof of eligibility for such aid,
28 provided payments made for the care and treatment of any person
29 entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at any hospital receiving
30 aid from the General Assembly unless special care and treatment are
31 required, shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 17b-239,
32 and provided the sum expended for the care or treatment of such
33 person at any other place than a state-aided hospital shall in no case
34 exceed the actual cost of supporting such person at the Veterans'
35 Home, unless special care and treatment are required, when such sum
36 as may be determined by the treasurer of such organization may be
37 paid therefor. The treasurer of such organization shall account to the
38 Governor and the General Assembly during the months of January,
39 April, July and October for all moneys disbursed by it during the three
40 months next preceding the first day of either of said months, and such
41 account shall show the amount of and the name and address of each
42 person to whom such aid has been furnished. Upon the completion of
43 the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal fund shall revert
44 to the State Treasury.

45 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) In the event the Comptroller uses state
46 funds to make up the difference between the expenditures from the
47 Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund and the interest income of said
48 fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the state shall be
49 reimbursed for the amount of any such state funds from the principal
50 of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund.

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