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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Adjutant General shall make such returns and reports to  
4 such officers as may be prescribed by the Department of Defense in  
5 regulations pertaining to the National Guard, [and naval militia,] at  
6 such times and in such form as [may, from time to time, be] prescribed.  
7 The Adjutant General shall (1) keep a record of all officers and enlisted  
8 personnel, (2) issue authorized service medals, ribbons and  
9 documents, and [shall also keep in the office] (3) maintain all records  
10 and [papers] documents required by law or [regulations to be filed  
11 therein] regulations thereunder.

12 (b) The Adjutant General is charged, in all matters pertaining to the  
13 command, discipline, [or] employment and administration of the  
14 [military establishment] armed forces of [this] the state, with the duty  
15 of: [recording] (1) Recording, authenticating and communicating to  
16 [troops and individuals in the military service] members of the armed

17 forces of [this] the state all orders, instructions and regulations issued  
18 by order of (A) the Governor or the Adjutant General as the designee  
19 of the Governor, for [the National Guard, naval militia and organized  
20 militia] the armed forces of the state, and [by] (B) the Secretary of  
21 Defense for the National Guard; [and the naval militia; of] (2)  
22 preparing and distributing commissions; [of] (3) compiling and issuing  
23 the [register of the National Guard, naval militia and organized militia;  
24 of] registers of the armed forces of the state; (4) conducting internal  
25 audits and investigations; [of] (5) organizing and coordinating the  
26 participation of the [organized militia] armed forces of the state in  
27 military and civic ceremonies; [of] (6) organizing and coordinating  
28 inaugurals; and [of] (7) managing the recruiting for the [National  
29 Guard, naval militia and organized militia] armed forces of the state.

30 (c) In event of emergency use of the [militia] armed forces of the  
31 state and with the approval of the Governor, the Adjutant General may  
32 be disbursing officer of all funds appropriated by the General  
33 Assembly for the expense of the office of the Adjutant General.

34 (d) The Adjutant General may make such regulations, in accordance  
35 with chapter 54, pertaining to the preparation and rendering of reports  
36 and returns, [and to] the care and preservation of [public] military  
37 property and the administration of military personnel as in the  
38 Adjutant General's opinion the conditions demand. [, such regulations  
39 to be operative and in force when promulgated in the form of general  
40 orders, circulars or circular letters.]

41 (e) The Adjutant General shall have charge and care of all state  
42 military property and all United States military property issued to the  
43 state, [of Connecticut,] and shall cause to be kept an accurate and  
44 careful account of all receipts and issues of the same. The Adjutant  
45 General shall require to be kept a [careful memorandum] record of all  
46 public [military] property on hand in the state [arsenal or storehouses  
47 and] in the possession of the [several organizations of the military]  
48 armed forces of the state and shall guard such property against injury

49 and loss to the greatest extent possible. [The Adjutant General shall  
50 require each accountable and responsible officer of the state military  
51 forces to account for any deficiency in public military property in such  
52 officer's possession immediately after such deficiency is discovered.]  
53 The Adjutant General shall cause annual inspections to be made of all  
54 public [military] property and a complete inventory of such property  
55 and the places where it is deposited shall be kept. The Adjutant  
56 General shall require each accountable and responsible officer of the  
57 armed forces of the state to account for any deficiency in public  
58 property in such officer's possession upon discovery of such  
59 deficiency. The Adjutant General shall require each unit of the armed  
60 forces of the state be inspected at least once each calendar year. The  
61 Adjutant General shall, annually, as provided in section 4-60, make a  
62 report to the Governor of the strength, condition and equipment of the  
63 armed forces of the state and of the expenditures of the office since the  
64 last annual report.

65 (f) The Adjutant General may adopt a seal for use in the office of the  
66 Adjutant General. [The Adjutant General shall require that each unit of  
67 the armed forces of the state be inspected at least twice in each  
68 calendar year and issue service medals and service records. The  
69 Adjutant General shall, annually, as provided in section 4-60, make a  
70 report to the Governor of the strength, condition and equipment of the  
71 military and naval forces of the state and of the expenditures of the  
72 office since the last annual report.] The Adjutant General may delegate  
73 as many duties to an Assistant Adjutant General or to Military  
74 Department officials as the Adjutant General deems necessary for the  
75 efficient operation of said department.

76 (g) The Adjutant General may enter into contracts [for the  
77 furnishing by] or agreements with any person or agency, public or  
78 private, [of services] for goods, services or property necessary [to the]  
79 and proper for execution of the duties of the Adjutant General's office  
80 and the operation of the Military Department, including the  
81 performance of federal construction contracting on state property,

82 subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-20

**Statement of Purpose:**

To amend the duties of the Adjutant General for clarity and to allow the Adjutant General to perform construction contracting on state land, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

*[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.]*