



Substitute House Bill No. 5664

Public Act No. 09-90

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AWARD OF RIBBONS AND MEDALS TO VETERANS FOR SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR AND CONCERNING FUNERAL HONOR GUARDS FOR DECEASED STATE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

Section 1. Section 27-73e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs in conjunction with the Adjutant General shall award a ribbon and medal to each veteran who served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, and who either (1) was a resident of this state at the time he or she was called to active duty for such service, or (2) is domiciled in this state on the date of such award. The commissioner in conjunction with the Adjutant General shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, setting forth the process for designing the ribbon and medal, identifying veterans who are eligible for the ribbon and medal under this section and establishing procedures for distributing the ribbon and medal to each eligible veteran. The cost of the ribbons and medals shall be paid from the funds appropriated to the military assistance account within the Military Department. [On or after July 1, 2005, awards] Within existing budgetary resources, awards under this section may be

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made posthumously for veterans who died on or after January 1, 2000.

Sec. 2. Section 3-2b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs shall cause to be erected at the grave of any person who has served as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General or member of the General Assembly of this state and who died or dies subsequent to January 1, 1971, a footstone, marked with the seal of the state, the name of the deceased, the date of his death and the office or offices in which he served and the dates such service was rendered. The commissioner shall also provide for such grave a flag holder and a Connecticut state flag. At the request of the next of kin of any such [officer or member of the General Assembly] Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall provide an honor guard of six state policemen to attend the funeral and burial of such officer. [or member.] At the request of the next of kin of any such member of the General Assembly, the executive director of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall direct the chief of police of the Office of State Capitol Police to provide an honor guard of State Capitol police officers to attend the funeral and burial of such member.

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