House Bill No. 5264

Public Act No. 10-130

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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

Section 1. Section 27-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

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

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

by order of (A) the Governor or the Adjutant General as the designee of the Governor, for [the National Guard, naval militia and organized militia] the armed forces of the state, and [by] (B) the Secretary of Defense for the National Guard; [and the naval militia; of] (2) preparing and distributing commissions; [of] (3) compiling and issuing the [register of the National Guard, naval militia and organized militia; of] registers of the armed forces of the state; (4) conducting internal audits and investigations; [of] (5) organizing and coordinating the participation of the [organized militia] armed forces of the state in military and civic ceremonies; [of] (6) organizing and coordinating inaugurals; and [of] (7) managing the recruiting for the [National Guard, naval militia and organized militia] armed forces of the state.

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

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

(e) The Adjutant General shall have charge and care of all state military property and all United States military property issued to the state, [of Connecticut,] and shall [cause to be kept] keep an accurate and careful account of all receipts and issues of the same. The Adjutant General shall [require to be kept a careful memorandum] keep a record of all public [military] property [on hand] in the state [arsenal or storehouses and] in the possession of the [several organizations of the

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

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

(g) The Adjutant General may enter into contracts [for the furnishing by] or agreements with any person or agency, public or private, [of services] for goods, services or property necessary [to the

proper**]** for execution of the duties of the Adjutant General's office and the operation of the Military Department, including the performance of federal construction contracting on state property, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

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