



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING PROMOTIONS FOR RETIRED VETERANS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-53 of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

4 (a) When a member of the armed forces of the state or the
5 Governor's military staff, whose service has been honorable, has
6 served ten years, he or she may, if he or she makes a timely application
7 to the Adjutant General through the chain of command prior to such
8 member's retirement date, be retired from active service and placed
9 upon the retired list. Such retirement shall be in the highest grade in
10 which he or she has served. When such service equals or exceeds
11 twenty years, he or she may, upon his or her application to the
12 Adjutant General, through the chain of command prior to such
13 member's retirement date, be commissioned at or promoted to the next
14 higher grade than the highest grade at which he or she may have held
15 at any time, either in the armed forces of the state or the Governor's
16 military staff or the [military or naval] armed forces of the United

17 States, which higher grade shall not be above the grade of a brigadier
18 general or sergeant major, and shall thereafter be placed upon the
19 retired list with such grade. Members may only receive the retirement
20 promotion provided under this section one time. In determining such
21 term of service of twenty years, there may be added to any term of not
22 less than ten years' service in the armed forces of the state or the
23 Governor's military staff the term of service with the [military or
24 naval] armed forces of the United States, either active, inactive or
25 reserve. Retirement shall be obligatory for all members reaching the
26 age of sixty-four years or as required for members of the National
27 Guard and naval militia by laws and regulations pertaining thereto.

28 (b) A retired member of the armed forces of the state or the
29 Governor's military staff, whose service was honorable, who served
30 thirty or more years and who did not apply for a retirement promotion
31 prior to retirement, may apply directly to the Adjutant General to be
32 commissioned at or promoted to the next higher grade than the
33 highest grade at which he or she may have held at any time, either in
34 the armed forces of the state or the Governor's military staff or the
35 armed forces of the United States, which higher grade shall not be
36 above the grade of a brigadier general or sergeant major.

37 Sec. 2. Section 27-54 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
39 *October 1, 2010*):

40 Members on the retired list shall serve thereon without pay; shall be
41 withdrawn from unit rosters, command and from line of promotion
42 and shall continue to be borne on the register of the armed forces of the
43 state, and shall be entitled to wear, within the limitations prescribed by
44 the laws and regulations of the United States, the uniform of the rank
45 on which they have been retired. They shall, at all times, be subject to
46 the rules and regulations governing the armed forces of the state. They
47 may, with their consent, be detailed from the retired list and placed
48 upon active duty at any time when ordered by the Governor and,

49 when on such duty, shall be entitled to the pay and allowances of
50 [officers] members of a similar grade on the active list.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	27-53
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	27-54

Statement of Purpose:

To permit retired senior members of the Connecticut National Guard and the Governor's military staff who served honorably for thirty or more years to apply directly to the Adjutant General to be placed on the retired list at one grade above the highest grade they ever held.

[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.]