AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LIST OF PREFERRED VETERANS' CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 27-100f of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(a) On or before July 1, 2012, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall publish on the department's Internet web site an informational page listing any benefits, services or programs offered to veterans or their families by any state or federal agency, department or institution. The department shall maintain the informational page after said date and shall update the informational page annually. The department shall publish on the informational page any information concerning the eligibility requirements and application process for such benefits, services or programs, the name and contact information of any entity offering such benefits, services or programs, and a link to the Internet web site for such entity.

(b) On or before July 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs,
or the commissioner's designee, shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection and the Attorney General, publish a list of preferred veterans' charitable organizations. The list shall include nonprofit corporations incorporated pursuant to chapter 602 or any predecessor statutes thereto and charitable organizations, as defined in section 21a-190a. In compiling the list, said commissioners shall consider the following, including, but not limited to: (1) Charity accountability standards; (2) the ratio of charitable activity expenditures to fundraising and administrative expenditures; and (3) violations of chapter 419d and regulations established pursuant to said chapter. The list shall be published on the informational web page established in this section.

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

| Section 1 | from passage | 27-100f |

Statement of Purpose:
To establish and make public a list of reputable veterans' charitable organizations.

[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.]