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"AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDRAISING BY VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

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4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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

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

15 offering such benefits, services or programs, and a link to the Internet
16 web site for such entity.

17 (b) On and after July 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs,
18 or the commissioner's designee, shall, within available appropriations,
19 publish a list of qualified veterans' charitable organizations. The
20 commissioner shall place any qualified veterans' charitable
21 organization on such list for a period of three years. Organizations
22 may apply and reapply to the commissioner for inclusion on the list by
23 submitting information regarding such organization's status to the
24 commissioner, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, and any
25 additional information the commissioner deems necessary to
26 determine whether such organization constitutes a qualified veterans'
27 charitable organization. A qualified veterans' charitable organization is
28 one which: (1) Holds itself out to be established for any benevolent,
29 educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare
30 or advocacy purpose relating to or on behalf of veterans; and (2) has
31 been (A) a nonstock corporation, organized under chapter 602, or any
32 predecessor thereto, for three or more years, or (B) a tax exempt
33 organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of
34 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
35 United States, as amended from time to time, for three or more
36 consecutive years. The list of qualified veterans' charitable
37 organizations, a link to such organization's Internet web site, and the
38 qualifications for inclusion on such list set forth in subdivisions (1) and
39 (2) of this subsection, shall be published on the informational Internet
40 web site established in this section and shall bear a disclaimer as
41 follows: "This list is prepared for the public solely for the purpose of
42 information. The state of Connecticut provides no warranty about the
43 content or accuracy of the content herein.".

44 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) No person, firm or
45 corporation that holds itself out as a representative of a veterans'
46 charitable organization shall, with intent to defraud, solicit a
47 contribution for such veterans' charitable organization that inures or is

48 intended to inure to the benefit of any person, firm or corporation
 49 other than such veterans' charitable organization. For the purposes of
 50 this section, "veterans' charitable organization" means any person, firm
 51 or corporation that is or purports to be established for any benevolent,
 52 educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, patriotic, social welfare
 53 or advocacy purpose relating to or on behalf of veterans, and "veteran"
 54 has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of
 55 the general statutes.

56 (b) Any person, firm or corporation that violates any provision of
 57 subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-100f
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section