



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5298**

LCO No. 1358



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ACTIVE SERVICE PAY FOR MEMBERS OF  
THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-61a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "eligible member or veteran" means a  
4 member or former member of the Connecticut National Guard who (1)  
5 is or was called to active service on or after September 11, 2001, (2) is or  
6 was in such active service for at least ninety consecutive days, and (3)  
7 if discharged, is or was honorably discharged or discharged for  
8 injuries sustained in the line of duty.

9 (b) (1) On and after July 1, 2005, and prior to July 1, 2014, the  
10 Adjutant General shall pay each eligible member or veteran the  
11 amount of fifty dollars for each month or major part thereof of active  
12 service by such eligible member or veteran on or after September 11,  
13 2001. On and before June 30, 2007, the maximum payment to any  
14 eligible member or veteran shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

15 (2) On and after July 1, 2007, and prior to July 1, 2014, the maximum  
16 payment to any eligible member or veteran under this subsection shall  
17 not exceed five hundred dollars, except that such maximum payment  
18 shall not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars if, during such  
19 active service, such eligible member or veteran is or was deployed to  
20 an area designated as a combat zone by the President of the United  
21 States.

22 (3) On and after July 1, 2014, the Adjutant General shall pay each  
23 eligible member or veteran the amount of one hundred dollars for each  
24 month or major part thereof of active service by such eligible member  
25 or veteran. The maximum payment to any eligible member or veteran  
26 under this subdivision shall not exceed one thousand dollars, except  
27 that such maximum payment shall not exceed one thousand four  
28 hundred dollars if, during such active service, such eligible member or  
29 veteran is or was deployed to an area designated as a combat zone by  
30 the President of the United States.

31 [(3)] (4) No payment shall be made under this subsection to any  
32 eligible member or veteran who makes application for such payment  
33 later than three years after the date of the cessation of such [operations  
34 in which such member or veteran served] active service.

35 (c) The Adjutant General, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
36 Veterans' Affairs, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
37 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.  
38 Such regulations shall include procedures for verification of eligibility  
39 of an eligible member or veteran and for the application for and  
40 payment of the amounts specified in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	27-61a

***Statement of Purpose:***

To update and increase the active service pay for members of the Connecticut National Guard.

*[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.]*