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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINDINGS OF THE MILITARY  
OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY TASK FORCE."**

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

3 "Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-294d of the 2014 supplement  
4 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
5 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

6 (b) No person may be employed as a police officer by any law  
7 enforcement unit for a period exceeding one year unless such person  
8 has been certified under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section  
9 or has been granted an extension by the council. No person may serve  
10 as a police officer during any period when such person's certification  
11 has been cancelled or revoked pursuant to the provisions of subsection  
12 (c) of this section. In addition to the requirements of this subsection,  
13 the council may establish other qualifications for the employment of  
14 police officers and require evidence of fulfillment of these

15 qualifications. The certification of any police officer who is not  
16 employed by a law enforcement unit for a period of time in excess of  
17 two years, unless such officer is on leave of absence, shall be  
18 considered lapsed. Upon reemployment as a police officer, such officer  
19 shall apply for recertification in a manner provided by the council. The  
20 council shall certify any applicant who presents evidence of  
21 satisfactory completion of a program or course of instruction in  
22 another state or as part of training during service in the armed forces,  
23 as defined in section 27-103, that is equivalent in content and quality to  
24 that required in this state, provided such applicant passes an  
25 examination or evaluation as required by the council.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the 2014 supplement to the  
27 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
28 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

29 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)  
30 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application  
31 under oath, or made subject to penalties for false statement in  
32 accordance with section 53a-157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied  
33 that the applicant is sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable  
34 person to receive the license.

35 (2) An applicant for a new motor vehicle operator's license shall, in  
36 the discretion of the commissioner, file, with the application, a copy of  
37 such applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie evidence of date  
38 of birth and evidence of identity.

39 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not  
40 previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who  
41 has not operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the  
42 commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to  
43 the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of  
44 the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that  
45 the applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class  
46 for which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the

47 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him  
48 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor  
49 vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant  
50 for a class D motor vehicle operator's license may be administered in  
51 such form as the commissioner deems appropriate, including audio,  
52 electronic or written testing. Such knowledge test shall be  
53 administered in English, Spanish or any language spoken at home by  
54 at least one per cent of the state's population, according to statistics  
55 prepared by the United States Census Bureau, based on the most  
56 recent decennial census. Each such knowledge test shall include a  
57 question concerning highway work zone safety and the responsibilities  
58 of an operator of a motor vehicle under section 14-212d. Each such  
59 knowledge test shall include not less than one question concerning  
60 distracted driving, the use of mobile telephones and electronic devices  
61 by motor vehicle operators or the responsibilities of motor vehicle  
62 operators under section 14-296aa. If any such applicant has held a  
63 license from a state, territory or possession of the United States where  
64 a similar examination is required, [or if any such applicant is a person  
65 honorably separated from the United States armed forces who applies  
66 within two years following the separation and who, prior to the  
67 separation, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the  
68 same class as that for which such applicant has applied,] the  
69 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such  
70 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the  
71 date of discharge from the military and, prior to such discharge, held a  
72 military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that  
73 for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed  
74 forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's  
75 license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such  
76 applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the  
77 examination, except in the case of commercial motor vehicle licenses,  
78 the commissioner shall waive only the driving skills test for such  
79 applicant who meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77. When  
80 the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of any  
81 applicant, the commissioner may issue to such applicant a license,

82 either unlimited or containing such limitations as the commissioner  
83 deems advisable, and specifying the class of motor vehicles which the  
84 licensee is eligible to operate. For the purposes of this subdivision,  
85 "veteran" and "armed forces" have the same meaning as provided in  
86 subsection (a) of section 27-103.

87 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health  
88 problem which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor  
89 vehicle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license  
90 holder to demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that,  
91 notwithstanding such problem, such applicant or license holder is a  
92 proper person to operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may  
93 further require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a  
94 medical authority designated by the commissioner, which certificate  
95 shall in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A  
96 license, containing such limitation as the commissioner deems  
97 advisable, may be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this  
98 section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a  
99 license, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a  
100 license of a person whom the commissioner determines to be incapable  
101 of safely operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary  
102 allotments, each motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed  
103 by a deaf or hearing impaired person shall, upon the request of such  
104 person, indicate such impairment. Such person shall submit a  
105 certificate stating such impairment, in such form as the commissioner  
106 may require and signed by a licensed health care practitioner.

107 (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any  
108 applicant who is the holder of a license issued by another state shall be  
109 subject to the provisions of sections 14-111c and 14-111k.

110 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the 2014 supplement to the  
111 general statutes, as amended by section 2 of public act 13-89, is  
112 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
113 *January 1, 2015*):

114 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)  
115 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application  
116 under oath, or made subject to penalties for false statement in  
117 accordance with section 53a-157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied  
118 that the applicant is sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable  
119 person to receive the license.

120 (2) Except any applicant described in section 14-36m, an applicant  
121 for a new motor vehicle operator's license shall, in the discretion of the  
122 commissioner, file, with the application, a copy of such applicant's  
123 birth certificate or other prima facie evidence of date of birth and  
124 evidence of identity.

125 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not  
126 previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who  
127 has not operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the  
128 commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to  
129 the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of  
130 the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that  
131 the applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class  
132 for which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the  
133 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him  
134 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor  
135 vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant  
136 for a class D motor vehicle operator's license may be administered in  
137 such form as the commissioner deems appropriate, including audio,  
138 electronic or written testing. Such knowledge test shall be  
139 administered in English, Spanish or any language spoken at home by  
140 at least one per cent of the state's population, according to statistics  
141 prepared by the United States Census Bureau, based on the most  
142 recent decennial census. If any such applicant has held a license from a  
143 state, territory or possession of the United States where a similar  
144 examination is required, [or if any such applicant is a person  
145 honorably separated from the United States armed forces who applies  
146 within two years following the separation and who, prior to the

147 separation, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the  
148 same class as that for which such applicant has applied,] the  
149 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such  
150 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the  
151 date of discharge from the military and, prior to such discharge, held a  
152 military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that  
153 for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed  
154 forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's  
155 license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such  
156 applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the  
157 examination, except in the case of commercial motor vehicle licenses,  
158 the commissioner shall waive only the driving skills test for such  
159 applicant who meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77. When  
160 the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of any  
161 applicant, the commissioner may issue to such applicant a license,  
162 either unlimited or containing such limitations as the commissioner  
163 deems advisable, and specifying the class of motor vehicles which the  
164 licensee is eligible to operate. For the purposes of this subdivision,  
165 "veteran" and "armed forces" have the same meaning as provided in  
166 subsection (a) of section 27-103.

167 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health  
168 problem which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor  
169 vehicle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license  
170 holder to demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that,  
171 notwithstanding such problem, such applicant or license holder is a  
172 proper person to operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may  
173 further require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a  
174 medical authority designated by the commissioner, which certificate  
175 shall in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A  
176 license, containing such limitation as the commissioner deems  
177 advisable, may be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this  
178 section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a  
179 license, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a  
180 license of a person whom the commissioner determines to be incapable

181 of safely operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary  
182 allotments, each motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed  
183 by a deaf or hearing impaired person shall, upon the request of such  
184 person, indicate such impairment. Such person shall submit a  
185 certificate stating such impairment, in such form as the commissioner  
186 may require and signed by a licensed health care practitioner.

187 (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any  
188 applicant who is the holder of a license issued by another state shall be  
189 subject to the provisions of sections 14-111c and 14-111k.

190 Sec. 4. Section 20-333a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
191 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

192 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, upon the  
193 payment of the appropriate fee, as provided in section 20-335, grant a  
194 license or a card of registration provided for in this chapter, without an  
195 examination, to any currently practicing, competent person who holds  
196 a similar license or card of registration granted by any other state,  
197 licensure jurisdiction within another state, the District of Columbia or  
198 any territory or commonwealth of the United States having licensure  
199 or registration requirements substantially similar to, or higher than,  
200 those of this state, if the licensing authority in such other state,  
201 licensure jurisdiction within another state, the District of Columbia or  
202 any territory or commonwealth of the United States may grant such  
203 similar license or card of registration, without an examination, to any  
204 currently practicing, competent licensee or registrant from this state.

205 (b) (1) The commissioner, in consultation with the appropriate  
206 examining board, shall grant a license or a card of registration  
207 provided for in this chapter, without an examination, to any person  
208 who, (A) during service in the armed forces or the Connecticut  
209 National Guard, or (B) within two years of such persons' discharge  
210 from the armed forces, presents (i) evidence of satisfactory completion  
211 of a program or course of instruction as part of military training that is  
212 equivalent in content and quality to that required in this state, and, if

213 applicable, (ii) such person's military discharge document or a certified  
214 copy thereof. For the purposes of this subsection, "military discharge  
215 document" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-219 and  
216 "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103.

217 (2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to change the  
218 delegation of authority by the commissioner to the relevant examining  
219 boards pursuant to this chapter. In issuing a license or a card of  
220 registration, each such board shall provide credit for satisfactory  
221 completion of a program or course of instruction as part of military  
222 training that is equivalent in content and quality to that required in  
223 this state as described in this subsection.

224 (c) The commissioner, with the advice and consent of the  
225 appropriate examining board, may adopt regulations in accordance  
226 with the provisions of chapter 54 in order to carry out the provisions of  
227 this section.

228 Sec. 5. Section 29-161q of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes  
229 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
230 *October 1, 2014*):

231 (a) Any security service or business may employ as many security  
232 officers as such security service or business deems necessary for the  
233 conduct of the business, provided such security officers are of good  
234 moral character and at least eighteen years of age.

235 (b) No person hired or otherwise engaged to perform work as a  
236 security officer, as defined in section 29-152u, shall perform the duties  
237 of a security officer prior to being licensed as a security officer by the  
238 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Each  
239 applicant for a license shall complete a minimum of eight hours  
240 training in the following areas: Basic first aid, search and seizure laws  
241 and regulations, use of force, basic criminal justice and public safety  
242 issues. The commissioner shall waive such training for any person  
243 who, (A) during service in the armed forces or the Connecticut

244 National Guard, or (B) within two years of such person's discharge  
245 from the armed forces, presents proof that such person has completed  
246 military training that is equivalent to the training required by this  
247 subsection, and, if applicable, such person's military discharge  
248 document or a certified copy thereof. For purposes of this subsection,  
249 "military discharge document" has the same meaning as provided in  
250 section 1-219 and "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in  
251 section 27-103. The training shall be approved by the commissioner in  
252 accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to section 29-161x.

253 (1) On and after October 1, 2008, no person or employee of an  
254 association, corporation or partnership shall conduct such training  
255 without the approval of the commissioner except as provided in  
256 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Application for such approval shall  
257 be submitted on forms prescribed by the commissioner and  
258 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. Such application shall be made  
259 under oath and shall contain the applicant's name, address, date and  
260 place of birth, employment for the previous five years, education or  
261 training in the subjects required to be taught under this subsection, any  
262 convictions for violations of the law and such other information as the  
263 commissioner may require by regulation adopted pursuant to section  
264 29-161x to properly investigate the character, competency and integrity  
265 of the applicant. No person shall be approved as an instructor for such  
266 training who has been convicted of a felony, a sexual offense or a crime  
267 of moral turpitude or who has been denied approval as a security  
268 service licensee, a security officer or instructor in the security industry  
269 by any licensing authority, or whose approval has been revoked or  
270 suspended. The term for such approval shall not exceed two years. Not  
271 later than two business days after a change of address, any person  
272 approved as an instructor in accordance with this section shall notify  
273 the commissioner of such change and such notification shall include  
274 both the old and new addresses.

275 (2) If a security officer training course described in this subsection is  
276 approved by the commissioner on or before September 30, 2008, the

277 instructor of such course shall have until April 1, 2009, to apply for  
278 approval as an instructor in accordance with subdivision (1) of this  
279 subsection.

280 (3) Each person approved as an instructor in accordance with this  
281 section may apply for the renewal of such approval on a form  
282 approved by the commissioner, accompanied by a fee of forty dollars.  
283 Such form may require the disclosure of any information necessary for  
284 the commissioner to determine whether the instructor's suitability to  
285 serve as an instructor has changed since the issuance of the prior  
286 approval. The term of such renewed approval shall not exceed two  
287 years.

288 (c) Not later than two years after successful completion of the  
289 training required pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or the  
290 waiver of such training, the applicant may submit an application for a  
291 license as a security officer on forms furnished by the commissioner  
292 and, under oath, shall give the applicant's name, address, date and  
293 place of birth, employment for the previous five years, experience in  
294 the position applied for, including military training and weapons  
295 qualifications, any convictions for violations of the law and such other  
296 information as the commissioner may require, by regulation, to  
297 properly investigate the character, competency and integrity of the  
298 applicant. Applicants shall submit with their application two sets of  
299 fingerprints of the employee and the Commissioner of Emergency  
300 Services and Public Protection shall require any applicant for a license  
301 under this section to submit to state and national criminal history  
302 records checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.  
303 Applicants shall submit with their application two sets of their  
304 fingerprints and two full-face photographs of them, two inches wide  
305 by two inches high, taken not earlier than six months prior to the date  
306 of application, and a one-hundred-dollar licensing fee, made payable  
307 to the state. Subject to the provisions of section 46a-80, no person shall  
308 be approved for a license who has been convicted of a felony, any  
309 sexual offense or any crime involving moral turpitude, or who has

310 been refused a license under the provisions of sections 29-161g to 29-  
311 161x, inclusive, for any reason except minimum experience, or whose  
312 license, having been granted, has been revoked or is under suspension.  
313 Upon being satisfied of the suitability of the applicant for licensure, the  
314 commissioner may license the applicant as a security officer. Such  
315 license shall be renewed every five years for a one-hundred-dollar fee.

316 (d) Upon the security officer's successful completion of training and  
317 licensing by the commissioner, or immediately upon hiring a licensed  
318 security officer, the security service employing such security officer  
319 shall apply to register such security officer with the commissioner on  
320 forms provided by the commissioner. Such application shall be  
321 accompanied by payment of a forty-dollar application fee payable to  
322 the state. The Division of State Police within the Department of  
323 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall keep on file the  
324 completed registration form and all related material. An identification  
325 card with the name, date of birth, address, full-face photograph,  
326 physical descriptors and signature of the applicant shall be issued to  
327 the security officer, and shall be carried by the security officer at all  
328 times while performing the duties associated with the security officer's  
329 employment. Registered security officers, in the course of performing  
330 their duties, shall present such card for inspection upon the request of  
331 a law enforcement officer.

332 (e) The security service shall notify the commissioner not later than  
333 five days after the termination of employment of any registered  
334 employee.

335 (f) Any fee or portion of a fee paid pursuant to this section shall not  
336 be refundable.

337 (g) No person, firm or corporation shall employ or otherwise engage  
338 any person as a security officer, as defined in section 29-152u, unless  
339 such person is a licensed security officer.

340 (h) Any person, firm or corporation that violates any provision of

341 subsection (b), (d), (e) or (g) of this section shall be fined seventy-five  
342 dollars for each offense. Each distinct violation of this section shall be a  
343 separate offense and, in the case of a continuing violation, each day  
344 thereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

345 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) An institution of higher  
346 education shall award college credit for military occupational specialty  
347 training to a member of the armed forces or the National Guard or a  
348 veteran who enrolls at such institution and has experience in a military  
349 occupation recognized by such institution as substituting for or  
350 meeting the requirements of a particular course of study. For the  
351 purposes of this section, "veteran" means a person who is (1) a veteran,  
352 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes, or  
353 (2) eligible to receive services from the United States Department of  
354 Veterans Affairs pursuant to Title 38 of the United States Code and  
355 "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103 of  
356 the general statutes.

357 (b) Not later than July 1, 2016, the Board of Regents for Higher  
358 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut,  
359 in consultation with the institutions of higher education in the state,  
360 shall develop and adopt guidelines on awarding academic credit for a  
361 student's military training, coursework and education. Such guidelines  
362 shall include course equivalency recommendations adopted by the  
363 American Council on Education and by other institutions or  
364 organizations deemed reputable by the Board of Regents for Higher  
365 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut.  
366 Until the adoption of such guidelines, any institution of higher  
367 education that awards college credit for such training, coursework and  
368 education shall use course equivalency recommendations adopted by  
369 the American Council on Education when assigning college credit to a  
370 military occupation. Upon adoption of such guidelines, the governing  
371 body of each institution of higher education in the state shall develop  
372 and implement policies governing the awarding of college credit for a  
373 student's military training, coursework and education.

374 Sec. 7. Section 31-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
375 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

376 (a) The Labor Commissioner shall collect information upon the  
377 subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, the earnings  
378 of laboring men and women and the means of promoting their  
379 material, social, intellectual and moral prosperity, and shall have  
380 power to summon and examine under oath such witnesses, and may  
381 direct the production of, and examine or cause to be produced and  
382 examined, such books, records, vouchers, memoranda, documents,  
383 letters, contracts or other papers in relation thereto as he deems  
384 necessary, and shall have the same powers in relation thereto as are  
385 vested in magistrates in taking depositions, but for this purpose  
386 persons shall not be required to leave the vicinity of their residences or  
387 places of business. Said commissioner shall collect and collate  
388 population and employment data to project who is working, who is  
389 not working and who will be entering the job market and shall provide  
390 an analysis of data concerning present job requirements and potential  
391 needs of new industry. The commissioner shall include in his annual  
392 report to the Governor, as provided in section 4-60, all the aforesaid  
393 statistical details.

394 (b) The commissioner shall administer the coordination of all  
395 employment and training programs in the state and shall implement  
396 the plan of the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission as  
397 approved by the Governor. The commissioner shall develop and  
398 maintain a comprehensive inventory of all employment and training  
399 programs in the state, including a listing of all funding sources for each  
400 program, the characteristics of the persons served, a description of  
401 each program and its results and the identification of areas of program  
402 overlap and duplication.

403 (c) The commissioner shall provide staff to the Connecticut  
404 Employment and Training Commission and such other resources as  
405 the commissioner can make available.

406 (d) The commissioner may request the Attorney General to bring an  
 407 action in Superior Court for injunctive relief requiring compliance with  
 408 any statute, regulation, order or permit administered, adopted or  
 409 issued by the commissioner.

410 (e) The commissioner shall ensure that state agencies recognize and  
 411 accept military training and experience whenever a member of the  
 412 armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran applies for a  
 413 professional or occupational license. For the purposes of this section,  
 414 "veteran" means a person who is (1) a veteran, as defined in subsection  
 415 (a) of section 27-103, or (2) eligible to receive services from the United  
 416 States Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to Title 38 of the  
 417 United States Code and "armed forces" has the same meaning as  
 418 provided in section 27-103."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	7-294d(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	14-36(e)
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	14-36(e)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	20-333a
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	29-161q
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	31-2