



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1016**

LCO No. 4202



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DIGITIZATION OF MILITARY RECORDS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 11-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) The State Library shall maintain a collection of war records,  
4 which shall include classifications and indexes of all available material  
5 relating to Connecticut participation, public or private, in the First and  
6 Second World Wars. The collection shall be as complete and  
7 comprehensive as possible and cover not only the activities of the state,  
8 its subdivisions and agencies, but also of Connecticut agencies of the  
9 federal government, of organizations of private persons and of those  
10 individuals who were direct participants in said wars, whether as  
11 soldiers, sailors, aviators or otherwise.

12 (b) The State Librarian shall establish and maintain a searchable  
13 electronic database located on the State Library's Internet web site for  
14 the purposes of providing public access to military records of  
15 Connecticut veterans. Such database shall be searchable by the  
16 surname of any such veteran and shall include military records from  
17 the Revolutionary War through the present within the State Librarian's

18 possession. For the purposes of this section "military records" means  
 19 (1) individual service records, including, but not limited to, dates of  
 20 service, unit assignments and awards; and (2) records relating to the  
 21 unit in which such individual served, including, but not limited to,  
 22 after action reports and written narratives.

23       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) The Military Department  
 24 shall establish and maintain a searchable electronic database located on  
 25 the Military Department's Internet web site for the purposes of  
 26 providing public access to military records of veterans of the  
 27 Connecticut National Guard. Such database shall be searchable by the  
 28 surname of any such veteran and shall include military records from  
 29 the Revolutionary War through World War II within the Military  
 30 Department's possession. For the purposes of this section, "military  
 31 records" means (1) individual service records, including, but not  
 32 limited to, dates of service, unit assignments and awards; and (2)  
 33 records relating to the unit in which such individual served, including,  
 34 but not limited to, after action reports and written narratives. The  
 35 Military Department shall redact from such records (A) Social Security  
 36 numbers; (B) date of birth; (C) home address; and (D) any personally  
 37 identifiable information if such disclosure would constitute a violation  
 38 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as  
 39 amended from time to time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	11-6
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the State Librarian and the Military Department to establish a searchable online database containing the military records of Connecticut veterans.

*[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.]*