

# **Re: Proposed Bill No. 6713**

## **AN ACT INCREASING THE RETIREMENT AGE FOR THE HORSE GUARD COMMANDANTS.**

*The elected position of a Horse Guard Commandant, for the Governor's Second Horse Guard, by the members, is a three year term. Learning the ins and outs of the leadership, business, public relations, and military aspects can take a couple years.*

*Many of the officers preparing to be Commandant are older members who have worked their way up through the ranks.*

*A Commandant may volunteer 10-20 hours a week. Many younger volunteers don't have the time available to be an effective leader of the Horse Guard.*

*A longstanding Commandant is beneficial to support the other Militias as well as grooming officers within the unit to be better prepared to become a future Commandant.*

*The Horse Guards have been around for over 200 years. People are living longer now and remain active. A Commandant that reaches age 64 is still able to very capable of performing the required duties.*

*Respectfully,*

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