



Senate Bill No. 21

Public Act No. 16-153

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT'S
NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS.**

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

Section 1. Section 27-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[No] Subject to federal law or regulation governing membership in the National Guard, no person shall be denied membership in the armed forces of the state, nor be discriminated against in the matter of promotion therein, on account of [his race, creed or color] such person's religion, national origin, color, race, sex, gender identity or expression or sexual orientation. No units of such organizations shall be formed, and no separate types of duties or separate accommodations shall be assigned, in such a manner as to result in the segregation of members thereof on account of [race, creed or color] religion, national origin, color, race, sex, gender identity or expression or sexual orientation, except that accommodations may be assigned consistent with any federal military regulation or service policy.

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