



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5354

February Session, 2016



AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE BONUSES FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD AND ARMED FORCES.

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 Section 27-61a of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2016*):

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

10 (2) As used in subsection (c) of this section, "eligible member or
11 veteran" means a member or former member of the armed forces, as
12 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, other than the Connecticut
13 National Guard, who (A) is or was called to active service on or after
14 September 11, 2001, (B) is or was in such active service for at least
15 ninety consecutive days, and (C) if discharged, is or was honorably
16 discharged or discharged for injuries sustained in the line of duty.

17 (b) (1) On and after July 1, 2005, the Adjutant General shall pay each

18 eligible member or veteran the amount of fifty dollars for each month
19 or major part thereof of active service by such eligible member or
20 veteran on or after September 11, 2001.

21 [On and before June 30, 2007] (2) (A) Prior to July 1, 2007, the
22 maximum payment to any eligible member or veteran shall not exceed
23 five hundred dollars.

24 [(2)] (B) On and after July 1, 2007, the maximum payment to any
25 eligible member or veteran under this subsection shall not exceed five
26 hundred dollars, except that such maximum payment shall not exceed
27 one thousand two hundred dollars if, during such active service, such
28 eligible member or veteran is or was deployed to an area designated as
29 a combat zone by the President of the United States.

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

34 (c) (1) On and after July 1, 2016, the Adjutant General shall pay each
35 eligible member or veteran the amount of fifty dollars for each month
36 or major part thereof of active service by such eligible member or
37 veteran on or after September 11, 2001, if, during such active service,
38 such eligible member or veteran is or was deployed to an area
39 designated as a combat zone by the President of the United States. The
40 maximum payment to any eligible member or veteran under this
41 subsection shall not exceed six hundred dollars.

42 (2) No payment shall be made under this subsection to any eligible
43 member or veteran who makes application for such payment later than
44 three years after the date of the cessation of such operations in which
45 such member or veteran served.

46 [(c)] (d) The Adjutant General, in consultation with the
47 Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, shall adopt regulations, in
48 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the

49 provisions of this section. Such regulations shall include procedures
50 for verification of eligibility of an eligible member or veteran and for
51 the application for and payment of the amounts specified in this
52 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-61a

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (b)(2)(B), "and prior to July 1, 2016," was deleted for accuracy.

VA *Joint Favorable Subst.*