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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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***AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES
AND UPDATES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
STATUTES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-102*l* of the 2016 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (a) There shall be a Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs. The
5 [Veterans' Home] Veterans Residential Services facility shall be within
6 the department and [shall be] located in Rocky Hill. The department
7 head shall be the Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, who
8 shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance with the provisions
9 of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, as amended by this act, with the
10 powers and duties prescribed therein.

11 (b) The commissioner may appoint a [unit head] manager to
12 administer [a veterans' advocacy and assistance unit] an Office of
13 Advocacy and Assistance for the aid and benefit of veterans [,] and
14 their spouses, [and] eligible dependents and family members. [Such
15 unit] The office shall conduct an annual training course for any city or

16 town employee designated a veterans' service contact person pursuant
17 to subsection (b) of section 27-135. The [unit] office shall have a staff of
18 not less than eight men and women, including six veterans' service
19 officers, and clerical personnel. The [unit head and the] manager and
20 veterans' service officers shall be veterans, as defined in subsection (a)
21 of section 27-103, as amended by this act, or veterans who were
22 awarded the armed forces expeditionary medal for service by the
23 armed forces. At least one of the veterans' service officers shall be a
24 woman having a demonstrated interest in the concerns of women
25 veterans, who shall be responsible for addressing those concerns, and,
26 effective upon the next opening of a veterans' service officer position
27 occurring on or after July 1, 2010, at least two of the veterans' service
28 officers shall be individuals having bilingual proficiency in English
29 and Spanish, within existing authorized positions. Each veterans'
30 service officer shall successfully complete a course in veterans' benefits
31 within one year of commencement of employment and shall be
32 assigned to one of the five congressional districts of the state.

33 (c) In addition to the powers and duties prescribed under section 4-
34 8, the commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

35 (1) To prepare studies and collect information concerning facilities
36 and services available to members of the armed forces, veterans [,] or
37 their spouses, [or] eligible dependents or family members, including
38 facilities and services for veterans who may have been exposed to a
39 Vietnam herbicide during their periods of military service;

40 (2) To conduct interviews in the nursing homes or hospitals
41 throughout the state to determine the number of veterans admitted
42 and ascertaining which benefits such veterans are currently receiving
43 and are entitled to receive;

44 (3) To cooperate with service agencies and organizations
45 throughout the state in disseminating and furnishing counsel and
46 assistance of benefit to residents of this state who are or have been

47 members of the armed forces, their spouses or eligible dependents,
48 which will indicate the availability of: (A) Educational training and
49 retraining facilities; (B) health, medical, rehabilitation and housing
50 services and facilities; (C) employment and reemployment services; (D)
51 provisions of federal, state and local laws affording financial rights,
52 privileges and benefits; and (E) other matters of similar nature;

53 (4) To assist veterans [] and their spouses, [and] eligible dependents
54 and family members in the preparation, presentation, proof and
55 establishment of such claims, privileges, rights and other benefits
56 accruing to them under federal, state and local laws;

57 (5) To cooperate with all national, state and local governmental and
58 private agencies securing or offering services or any benefits to
59 veterans, their spouses or dependents;

60 (6) To develop and prepare a long-range plan and mission statement
61 for the [Veterans' Home and the veterans' advocacy and assistance
62 unit] Veterans Residential Services facility and Office of Advocacy and
63 Assistance;

64 (7) To review all appeals made by veterans [] or their spouses, [or]
65 eligible dependents or family members and render the final decision
66 thereon regarding the denial of admission to any program or the
67 refusal to render any service or benefit which is administered by the
68 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, the discharge or transfer
69 from any such program or any disciplinary action taken while
70 participating in any such program; and

71 (8) If the [Veterans' Home] Veterans Residential Services facility
72 closes or ceases to provide housing to veterans, to provide or arrange
73 for housing to any veteran residing at [the home or the health care
74 facility within the home] said facility or the Healthcare Center on the
75 date of such closure or on the date [the Veterans' Home] said facility or
76 Healthcare Center ceases to provide housing to veterans.

77 (d) The commissioner shall adopt, in accordance with the provisions
78 of chapter 54, and enforce [,] such regulations and procedures for the
79 operation, administration and management of the department and all
80 programs and services under the jurisdiction of the department,
81 including, but not limited to, procedures relating to admission and
82 discharge or transfer of veterans in the [Veterans' Home] Veterans
83 Residential Services facility, a per diem fee schedule for programs,
84 services and benefits provided by [the Veterans' Home] said facility,
85 and the participation of eligible family members in programs or
86 services provided by [the home] said facility. The commissioner shall
87 amend such regulations as necessary, in accordance with the
88 provisions of chapter 54, to allow residents of [the Veterans' Home]
89 said facility and relatives or authorized representatives of such
90 residents to file a written complaint regarding policies, procedures and
91 administrative decisions of said [home] facility. Such amended
92 regulations shall include a procedure for filing such complaints,
93 including deadlines by which complaints must be received,
94 investigated and acted upon. The commissioner shall submit proposed
95 regulations for public comment pursuant to section 4-168 not later than
96 ninety days after July 1, 2015.

97 Sec. 2. Section 27-102n of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes
98 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
99 *1, 2016*):

100 (a) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Department of
101 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs. On and after July 1, 2015, the board shall
102 be comprised of eighteen voting members who by education or
103 experience shall be qualified in health care, business management,
104 social services or law and who shall have a demonstrated interest in
105 the concerns of veterans. A majority of the members of the board shall
106 be veterans, including veterans of armed conflicts authorized by the
107 President of the United States. The members shall include (1) [two
108 residents of the Veterans' Home, one of whom shall be] the president
109 of the [home's veterans'] Veterans Residential Services facility's

110 veterans council, [and one of whom shall be] (2) the president of the
111 [home's health care facility] Healthcare Center's council, and [(2)] (3)
112 sixteen members appointed in accordance with subsection (b) of this
113 section.

114 (b) Sixteen members shall be appointed as follows: (1) Ten by the
115 Governor, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and (2) one
116 each by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the
117 House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the
118 majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of
119 the Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
120 whose terms shall be coterminous with the term of the appointing
121 authority. Any vacancy on the board shall be filled by the appointing
122 authority in the same manner as the original appointment, for the
123 unexpired portion of the term. Members shall be sworn to the faithful
124 performance of their duties. They shall receive no compensation for
125 their services but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses in
126 the performance of their duties.

127 (c) The Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, or the
128 commissioner's designee, shall serve as a nonvoting, ex-officio member
129 of the board and shall attend the meetings of the board.

130 (d) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the
131 membership of the board. The board shall meet at least quarterly and
132 upon the call of the commissioner, the chairperson or a majority of the
133 board members. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
134 On and after January 1, 2016, any board member, except the
135 Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, absent from (1) three
136 consecutive meetings of the board, or (2) fifty per cent of such
137 meetings during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned
138 from the board, effective immediately.

139 (e) The board shall advise and assist the commissioner in the
140 operation of the [Veterans' Home, the veterans' advocacy and

141 assistance unit] Veterans Residential Services facility, the Office of
142 Advocacy and Assistance, the administration, expansion or
143 modification of existing programs and services of the department and
144 the development of new programs and services.

145 (f) The board shall (1) review and approve any regulations prior to
146 adoption by the commissioner concerning: (A) Procedures relating to
147 admission and discharge or transfer of veterans in the [home] Veterans
148 Residential Services facility; (B) a per diem fee schedule for programs,
149 services and benefits provided therein; and (C) the participation of
150 eligible family members in programs or services provided by [the
151 home] said facility, and (2) review and comment on (A) the budget for
152 the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs; and (B) major policies
153 relating to the [Veterans' Home] Veterans Residential Services facility.

154 (g) The Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs shall provide
155 the board with information necessary for the board to monitor the
156 performance of the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs. Such
157 information shall be provided to the board in a timely manner and
158 shall include, but not be limited to, (1) the department's budget for
159 each fiscal year; (2) quarterly reports on the department's actual
160 revenue and expenditures for the preceding four months; (3) quarterly
161 reports on the staffing levels at the [Veterans' Home] Veterans
162 Residential Services facility, [including] direct care staffing at the
163 [health care facility] Healthcare Center [within the Veterans' Home]
164 and case manager to resident ratios [,] for the preceding four months;
165 (4) [facilities and fleet] resources management, including current
166 projects and planned projects; (5) quarterly summaries of applications
167 for admission to, departures from and occupancy rates at [the home]
168 said facility for the preceding four months; (6) program performance,
169 including programs for employment assistance and assistance to
170 veteran residents interested in securing housing outside of [the
171 Veterans' Home] said facility; (7) results of annual resident satisfaction
172 surveys conducted by the department; (8) quarterly reports
173 summarizing incident rates at the [health care facility within the

174 Veterans' Home] Healthcare Center for the preceding four months; (9)
175 reports on the number of rules violations against residents of [the
176 Veterans' Home] said facility and Healthcare Center and penalties
177 issued therefor; (10) performance reports on programs operated by the
178 Office of Advocacy and Assistance within the Department of
179 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs; (11) annual customer satisfaction reports
180 from veterans who request assistance from [such] said office; (12)
181 caseload figures for veterans' service officers; (13) results of any federal
182 and state inspections; [and] (14) quarterly reports summarizing by
183 type, frequency and resolution, concerns raised by residents of the
184 [Veterans' Home] Veterans Residential Services facility and Healthcare
185 Center, petitions and complaints filed by residents of [the Veterans'
186 Home] said facility and Healthcare Center and relatives or authorized
187 representatives of such residents received by the commissioner under
188 subsection (d) of section 27-102l-54 of the regulations of Connecticut
189 state agencies for the four preceding months and copies of any such
190 petitions and complaints; and (15) the bylaws, minutes of meetings
191 and list of officers of the Veterans Residential Services facility's
192 veterans council for the previous quarter.

193 (h) All board meeting notices, minutes and reports bearing a date of
194 January 1, 2012, or later shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the
195 department's Internet web site. Minutes from board meetings held on
196 or after July 1, 2015, shall be posted to such Internet web site not later
197 than seven days after each such meeting is held. If applicable, minutes
198 shall contain a statement that such minutes are considered draft
199 minutes until approved by the board.

200 (i) Not later than February fifteenth of each year, the board shall
201 submit an annual report to the Governor and the joint standing
202 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
203 relating to veterans' and military affairs, in accordance with the
204 provisions of section 11-4a, on its activities during the previous
205 calendar year, progress in fulfilling its mission based on programmatic
206 outcomes and recommendations, if any, for improving the delivery of

207 services to veterans and the addition of new programs.

208 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is
209 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
210 *1, 2016*):

211 (b) As used in this part, ["home" means the Veterans' Home
212 maintained by the state] "Veterans Residential Services facility" means
213 the Veterans Residential Services facility in Rocky Hill maintained by
214 the Department of Veterans Affairs that provides temporary and other
215 supported residential services for qualifying veterans; "hospital"
216 means any incorporated hospital or tuberculosis sanatorium in the
217 state and any state chronic disease hospital, or hospital for persons
218 with mental illness; [,] "Healthcare Center" means the hospital in
219 Rocky Hill maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs;
220 "veteran" means any veteran, [who served in time of war,] as defined
221 in subsection (a) of this section, [and] who is a resident of this state,
222 provided, if he or she was not a resident or resident alien of this state
223 at the time of enlistment or induction into the armed forces, he or she
224 shall have resided continuously in this state for at least two years;
225 "eligible dependent" means any parent, wife or husband, or child of a
226 veteran who has no adequate means of support; and "eligible family
227 member" means any parent, brother or sister, wife or husband, or child
228 or children under eighteen years of age, of any veteran whose
229 cooperation in the program is integral to the treatment of the veteran.

230 Sec. 4. Section 27-106 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes
231 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
232 *1, 2016*):

233 (a) The commissioner shall adopt and enforce such rules as may be
234 necessary to ensure order, enforce discipline and preserve the health
235 and ensure the comfort of the residents in the [Veterans' Home]
236 Veterans Residential Services facility and patients in the Healthcare
237 Center, and shall discipline or dismiss any officer or resident of [the

238 home who disobeys or infringes upon] said facility or patient in the
239 Healthcare Center who violates such rules. The commissioner shall (1)
240 appoint, subject to the provisions of chapter 67, such officers and
241 employees as are necessary for the administration of the affairs of [the
242 home, shall] said facility and Healthcare Center, (2) prescribe the
243 relative rank, if any, of such officers and employees, and [shall] (3)
244 commission each such officer, who shall wear such uniform, if any, as
245 is prescribed by the commissioner.

246 (b) The chief fiscal officer shall submit a semiannual plain language
247 report to each resident of the [Veterans' Home] Veterans Residential
248 Services facility and patient of the Healthcare Center detailing the
249 manner in which the institutional general welfare fund was used over
250 the previous six months to directly benefit veterans, [or the Veterans'
251 Home] said facility or the Healthcare Center. Such report shall include
252 a prominently displayed statement encouraging residents to submit
253 suggestions for projects to be funded by the institutional general
254 welfare fund and [shall include] a form for such submissions.

255 (c) The chief fiscal officer shall submit an itemized list of
256 expenditures made from the institutional general welfare fund to the
257 commissioner at intervals not greater than two months. Such list shall
258 include all such expenditures made during the two-month period
259 preceding its submission. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-
260 56, the commissioner shall prescribe procedures to limit and specify
261 the uses for which expenditures may be made from the institutional
262 general welfare fund so that only expenditures which, in the opinion of
263 the commissioner and the board of trustees for the department
264 appointed pursuant to section 27-102n, as amended by this act, directly
265 benefit veterans, [or the Veterans' Home] the Veterans Residential
266 Services facility or the Healthcare Center are permitted.

267 (d) In addition to the estimate of expenditure requirements required
268 under section 4-77, the commissioner shall submit an accounting of all
269 planned expenditures for the next fiscal year from the institutional

270 general welfare fund to the joint standing committee of the General
271 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
272 the budgets of state agencies at the time such estimate is submitted.

273 (e) The Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs shall annually
274 hold suitable exercises in the [Veterans' Home annually] Veterans
275 Residential Services facility on November eleventh recognizing
276 resident veterans for their military service.

277 Sec. 5. Section 27-106a of the general statutes is repealed and the
278 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

279 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
280 special act, the Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, on behalf
281 of any facility operated by the commissioner and established by the
282 state for the care of veterans, may apply to the Department of Public
283 Health for: (1) A license for a chronic and convalescent nursing home,
284 as defined in section 19a-521; (2) a license for a rest home with nursing
285 supervision, as defined in section 19a-521; or (3) a license for an
286 assisted living services agency, as defined in section 19a-490.

287 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
288 special act, in the event the commissioner applies for a license under
289 subsection (a) of this section, the [Veterans' Home] Department of
290 Veterans Affairs may retain [such home's] the chronic disease hospital
291 license for the Healthcare Center.

292 (c) The Department of Public Health shall process an application for
293 any license submitted under subsection (a) of this section in an
294 expedited manner.

295 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 319y and the
296 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, any [Veterans' Home]
297 Department of Veterans Affairs project undertaken pursuant to a
298 license application as provided in subsection (a) of this section shall
299 not be subject to certificate of need application and approval

300 requirements applicable to nursing home services, including beds,
301 additions and capital expenditures.

302 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
303 special act, [the Veterans' Home] any Department of Veterans Affairs
304 project undertaken pursuant to a license application as provided in
305 subsection (a) of this section shall be exempt from the requirements for
306 approval of a request or application provided for in section 19a-638.

307 Sec. 6. Section 27-107 of the general statutes is repealed and the
308 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

309 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
310 shall assign one or more state policemen for duty [at the Veterans'
311 Home] upon the grounds of the Department of Veterans Affairs in
312 Rocky Hill as may be requested by the [commissioner] Commissioner
313 of Veterans Affairs.

314 (b) The Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, subject to the
315 approval of the Office of the State Traffic Administration, may: (1)
316 Prohibit, limit, restrict or regulate the parking of vehicles; (2)
317 determine speed limits; (3) install stop signs; (4) restrict roads or
318 portions thereof to one-way traffic; (5) designate the location of
319 crosswalks on any portion of any road or highway upon the grounds
320 of the [Veterans' Home] Department of Veterans Affairs; and (6) erect
321 and maintain signs designating such prohibitions or restrictions.
322 Security officers or institutional patrolmen appointed to act as state
323 policemen under the provisions of section 29-18 may arrest or issue a
324 summons for violation of such restrictions or prohibitions. Any person
325 who fails to comply with any such prohibition or restriction shall be
326 fined not more than twenty-five dollars, and the court or traffic or
327 parking authority having jurisdiction of traffic or parking violations in
328 the town of Rocky Hill shall have jurisdiction over violations of this
329 section.

330 Sec. 7. Section 27-108 of the general statutes is repealed and the

331 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

332 (a) Any veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, who
333 meets active military, naval or air service requirements, as described in
334 38 USC 101, may apply for admission to the [home] Veterans
335 Residential Services facility or Healthcare Center; and any such
336 veteran who has no adequate means of support, and who, from
337 disease, wounds or accident, needs medical or surgical care and
338 treatment or who has become mentally ill, may be admitted to any
339 hospital and receive necessary food, clothing, care and treatment
340 therein, at the expense of the state, unless other funds or means of
341 payment are available. Whenever a person is admitted to a hospital,
342 such person shall be asked if he or she is a veteran. Before a hospital
343 submits a bill for services pursuant to this section, such hospital shall
344 take sufficient steps to determine that no other funds or means of
345 payment are available to cover the cost of services rendered to the
346 veteran. The Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs shall make
347 available to hospitals a list of payment options and benefits available
348 to cover hospital costs of veterans.

349 (b) Any member or former member of the armed forces, as defined
350 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, who is a resident of this state and is
351 entitled to retirement pay under 10 USC Chapter 1223, may apply for
352 admission to the home.

353 (c) Any such veteran desiring care or treatment under the
354 provisions of this chapter shall make application under oath to the
355 Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs; but, if, by reason of his
356 or her physical condition, he or she is unable to make such application,
357 some other veteran may make such application in his or her behalf.
358 Said commissioner, or his or her designee, shall have sole power to
359 determine whether such veteran is entitled to admission to the [home]
360 Veterans Residential Services facility or to a hospital, including the
361 Healthcare Center, and such veteran, if admitted, may, upon
362 application to the commissioner, receive transportation at the expense

363 of the state from his or her place of residence to [the home] said facility
364 or such hospital. No veteran so admitted shall be discharged from [the
365 home] said facility except upon the approval of the commissioner or
366 his or her designee. The commissioner shall have sole power to remove
367 from any hospital to another hospital any veteran whose care and
368 treatment is paid for by the state [from any hospital to another] and
369 shall appoint such agents as are necessary to see that veterans
370 admitted to hospitals are receiving necessary food, clothing, care and
371 treatment.

372 (d) Such veterans who are able to pay in whole or in part for such
373 program or services, as determined by the applicable fee schedule
374 adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of section 27-102l, as amended by
375 this act, shall receive a monthly bill for such services rendered.

376 (e) In the event that a bill of a veteran remains unpaid and past due,
377 the chief fiscal officer, with the approval of the commissioner, shall
378 require the veteran to assign his or her right to receive payment of
379 income, from whatever source, to the commissioner until (1) such
380 account is made current, and (2) the veteran demonstrates to the
381 satisfaction of the commissioner a reasonable likelihood of more
382 prudent financial management for the future. Any veteran shall be
383 provided an opportunity for a hearing when an order of assignment is
384 issued.

385 (f) Payment of amounts determined by the commissioner as
386 provided by subsection (c) of this section shall be deposited in the
387 institutional general welfare fund of the [Veterans' Home] Department
388 of Veterans Affairs established in accordance with sections 4-56 to 4-58,
389 inclusive, and shall be available for expenditure from said fund for the
390 operation of the [Veterans' Home] the department in accordance with
391 procedures prescribed by the commissioner and the Comptroller.

392 (g) In the event that a veteran dies, still owing money for services
393 rendered, the commissioner, with the aid of the Attorney General's

394 office, may submit a claim against such veteran's estate and any
395 amounts collected shall be deposited in the institutional general
396 welfare fund in accordance with section 4-56.

397 Sec. 8. Section 27-128 of the general statutes is repealed and the
398 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

399 The Governor may transfer, from time to time, as may be found
400 expedient, [funds] moneys existing in the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines
401 Fund and [funds of the Veterans' Home] moneys appropriated to the
402 Department of Veterans Affairs from one of said funds to the other of
403 said funds.

404 Sec. 9. Section 3-2b of the general statutes is repealed and the
405 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

406 The Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs shall cause to be
407 erected at the grave of any person who has served as Governor,
408 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller,
409 Attorney General or member of the General Assembly of this state and
410 who died or dies subsequent to January 1, 1971, a footstone, marked
411 with the seal of the state, the name of the deceased, the date of his
412 death and the office or offices in which he served and the dates such
413 service was rendered. The commissioner shall also provide for such
414 grave a flag holder and a Connecticut state flag. At the request of the
415 next of kin of any such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of
416 the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, the
417 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall
418 provide an honor guard of six state policemen to attend the funeral
419 and burial of such officer. At the request of the next of kin of any such
420 member of the General Assembly, the executive director of the Joint
421 Committee on Legislative Management shall direct the chief of police
422 of the Office of State Capitol Police to provide an honor guard of State
423 Capitol police officers to attend the funeral and burial of such member.

424 Sec. 10. Section 3-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the

425 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

426 (a) Prior to July 1, 2005, the Treasurer is directed to hold the fund
427 known as the posthumous fund of Fitch's Home for the Soldiers in
428 trust, to credit the income from said fund to the Department of
429 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs to be used for the welfare and
430 entertainment of the patients of the [Veterans' Home] Veterans
431 Residential Services facility or any other home established by the state
432 for the care of veterans and to pay from the principal thereof any claim
433 which may be lawfully established against the same.

434 (b) Effective July 1, 2005, the Treasurer shall consolidate the
435 posthumous fund of Fitch's Home for the Soldiers and the Fitch Fund.
436 The name of the consolidated fund shall be the Fitch Fund. On and
437 after July 1, 2005, the Treasurer shall hold the Fitch Fund in trust, to
438 credit the income from said fund to the Department of [Veterans']
439 Veterans Affairs to be used for the welfare and entertainment of the
440 residents of the [Veterans' Home] Veterans Residential Services facility
441 or any other home established by the state for the care of veterans and
442 to pay from the principal thereof any claim that may be lawfully
443 established against said fund.

444 Sec. 11. Subsection (k) of section 3-65a of the general statutes is
445 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
446 *1, 2016*):

447 (k) In the event military medals are presumed abandoned pursuant
448 to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 3-57a, a banking or
449 financial organization shall transmit such medals to the Department of
450 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs in accordance with procedures established
451 by the Treasurer. The Treasurer and Commissioner of [Veterans']
452 Veterans Affairs shall enter into a memorandum of understanding
453 concerning the handling of such medals and the Department of
454 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs shall hold such medals in custody
455 pursuant to such memorandum. The Treasurer may make any

456 information obtained pursuant to this section, including any
457 photograph or other visual depiction of a military medal but excluding
458 Social Security numbers, available to the public to facilitate the
459 identification of the original owner of such medal or such owner's
460 heirs or beneficiaries.

461 Sec. 12. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
462 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

463 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"
464 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
465 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner on Aging,
466 Commissioner of Revenue Services, Banking Commissioner,
467 Commissioner of Children and Families, Commissioner of Consumer
468 Protection, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of Economic
469 and Community Development, State Board of Education,
470 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
471 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
472 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,
473 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Commissioner of
474 Mental Health and Addiction Services, Commissioner of Social
475 Services, Commissioner of Developmental Services, Commissioner of
476 Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of
477 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, Commissioner of Housing, Commissioner
478 of Rehabilitation Services, the Commissioner of Early Childhood and
479 the executive director of the Office of Military Affairs. As used in
480 sections 4-6 and 4-7, "department head" also means the Commissioner
481 of Education.

482 Sec. 13. Section 4-38c of the general statutes is repealed and the
483 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

484 There shall be within the executive branch of state government the
485 following departments: Office of Policy and Management, Department
486 of Administrative Services, Department on Aging, Department of

487 Revenue Services, Department of Banking, Department of Agriculture,
488 Department of Children and Families, Department of Consumer
489 Protection, Department of Correction, Department of Economic and
490 Community Development, State Board of Education, Department of
491 Emergency Services and Public Protection, Department of Energy and
492 Environmental Protection, Department of Public Health, Board of
493 Regents for Higher Education, Insurance Department, Labor
494 Department, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
495 Department of Developmental Services, Department of Social Services,
496 Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles and
497 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs.

498 Sec. 14. Subsection (d) of section 4-61bb of the general statutes is
499 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
500 *1, 2016*):

501 (d) On or before January 1, 2016, each licensing authority shall,
502 within existing budgetary resources, publish on its Internet web site a
503 link to the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs informational
504 Internet web site established pursuant to section 27-100f and the
505 Internet web site maintained by the executive branch listing resources
506 and opportunities available to veterans.

507 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 4a-12 of the general statutes is
508 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
509 *1, 2016*):

510 (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall be
511 responsible for the following: (1) Investigation, determination, billing
512 and collection of all charges for support of persons aided, cared for or
513 treated in a state humane institution, as defined in section 17b-222, and
514 enforcement of support obligations of the liable relatives of such
515 persons; (2) investigation, determination, billing and collection of all
516 charges for services covered under the Medicaid or Medicare
517 programs provided to persons aided, cared for or treated by the

518 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs; (3) billing and collection of
519 any money due to the state in public assistance cases, and enforcement
520 of support obligations of liable relatives in such cases; (4) collection of
521 benefits and maintenance of trustee accounts therefor; and (5) such
522 collection services for other state agencies and departments as shall be
523 agreed to between said commissioner and the heads of such other
524 agencies and departments.

525 Sec. 16. Subsection (c) of section 4b-21 of the 2016 supplement to the
526 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
527 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

528 (c) Not later than thirty days after receipt of such notification from
529 the secretary, the following agencies shall determine and notify the
530 secretary in writing if the land, improvement or interest serves the
531 following needs: (1) The Commissioner of Economic and Community
532 Development, whether it can be used or adapted for economic
533 development or exchanged for property that can be used for economic
534 development; (2) the Commissioner of Transportation, whether it can
535 be used for transportation purposes; (3) the Commissioner of Energy
536 and Environmental Protection, whether it can be used for open space
537 purposes or to otherwise support the department's mission; (4) the
538 Commissioner of Agriculture, whether it can be used for farming or
539 agricultural purposes; (5) the Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans
540 Affairs, whether it can be used for veterans' housing; (6) the
541 Commissioner of Children and Families, whether it can be used to
542 support the department's mission; (7) the Commissioner of
543 Developmental Services, whether it can be used to support the
544 department's mission; (8) the Commissioner of Administrative
545 Services, whether it can be used to house state agencies or can be
546 leased; and (9) the Commissioner of Housing, whether it can be used
547 as an emergency shelter or transitional living facility for homeless
548 persons, or used for the construction, rehabilitation or renovation of
549 housing for persons and families of low and moderate income. Not
550 later than thirty days after receipt of such notification from the

551 secretary, any state agency, department or institution that is interested
552 in utilizing the land, improvement or interest shall submit a plan to the
553 secretary that sets forth the proposed use for the land, improvement or
554 interest and a budget and timetable for such use. If one or more
555 agencies, departments or institutions submit a plan for such land,
556 improvement or interest to the secretary within such thirty-day period,
557 the secretary shall analyze such agency, department or institution plan
558 or plans and determine whether custody and control of the land,
559 improvement or interest shall be transferred to one of such agencies,
560 departments or institutions, in which case the agency, department or
561 institution having custody of the land, improvement or interest shall
562 make such transfer.

563 Sec. 17. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 12-217pp of the
564 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
565 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

566 (e) (1) To be eligible to claim the credit, a taxpayer shall apply to the
567 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this section. The
568 application shall be on a form provided by the commissioner and shall
569 contain sufficient information as required by the commissioner,
570 including, but not limited to, the activities that the taxpayer primarily
571 engages in, the North American Industrial Classification System code
572 of the taxpayer, the current number of employees employed by the
573 taxpayer as of the application date, and if applicable, the name and
574 position or job title of the new, qualifying or veteran employee. The
575 commissioner shall consult with the Labor Commissioner, the
576 Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, the Commissioner of
577 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, the Commissioner of Mental Health and
578 Addiction Services or the Commissioner of Developmental Services, as
579 applicable, for any verification the commissioner deems necessary of
580 unemployment compensation or vocational rehabilitation services
581 received by a qualifying employee, or of service in the armed forces of
582 the United States by a veteran employee. The commissioner may
583 impose a fee for such application as the commissioner deems

584 appropriate.

585 Sec. 18. Section 13b-50b of the 2016 supplement to the general
586 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
587 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

588 The Connecticut Airport Authority, in consultation with the Labor
589 Department and the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, shall,
590 in administering the program established pursuant to subdivision (4)
591 of section 13b-50a, set aside not less than thirty per cent of the projects
592 or contracts for such program for veterans with service in time of war,
593 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, except that for the
594 purposes of this section, "service in time of war" shall not include time
595 spent in training. To be eligible for such set aside, the contracting
596 entity shall be a veteran certified in weatherization and insulation
597 techniques through a training program funded by the American
598 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or a company that employs
599 such certified veterans.

600 Sec. 19. Subsection (e) of section 14-36h of the general statutes is
601 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
602 *1, 2016*):

603 (e) Any person who is a veteran may submit a request to the
604 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs to have his or her status as
605 a veteran contained on his or her motor vehicle operator's license or
606 identity card. Said department shall, not later than thirty days after
607 receipt of such request, verify whether such person is a veteran and, if
608 so, notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such request and
609 verification. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall indicate such
610 person's status as a veteran on any motor vehicle operator's license or
611 identity card issued to such person upon original issuance or renewal
612 of a motor vehicle operator's license or identity card or upon issuance
613 of a duplicate motor vehicle operator's license or identity card.

614 Sec. 20. Subsection (i) of section 17a-451 of the 2016 supplement to

615 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
616 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

617 (i) The commissioner shall be responsible for the coordination of all
618 activities in the state relating to substance use disorders and treatment,
619 including activities of the Departments of Children and Families,
620 Correction, Public Health, Social Services and [Veterans'] Veterans
621 Affairs, the Judicial Branch and any other department or entity
622 providing services to persons with substance use disorders.

623 Sec. 21. Section 17a-453d of the general statutes is repealed and the
624 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

625 The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in
626 collaboration with the Department of Children and Families and the
627 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, shall provide behavioral
628 health services, on a transitional basis, for the dependents and any
629 member of any reserve component of the armed forces of the United
630 States who has been called to active service in the armed forces of the
631 state or the United States for Operation Enduring Freedom or
632 Operation Iraqi Freedom. Such transitional services shall be provided
633 when no Department of Defense coverage for such services is available
634 or such member is not eligible for such services through the
635 Department of Defense, until an approved application is received from
636 the [federal Department of Veterans'] United States Department of
637 Veterans Affairs and coverage is available to such member and such
638 member's dependents.

639 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 17a-485c of the general statutes is
640 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
641 *1, 2016*):

642 (a) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in
643 collaboration with the Commissioners of Social Services, Correction,
644 Children and Families, Housing, Developmental Services and
645 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, the Connecticut Housing Finance

646 Authority and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial
647 Branch, shall establish permanent supportive housing initiatives to
648 provide additional units of affordable housing and support services to
649 eligible persons. Individuals and families with special needs and
650 individuals and families that are homeless or at risk for homelessness
651 shall be eligible for such permanent supportive housing initiatives.

652 Sec. 23. Subsection (b) of section 17b-59a of the 2016 supplement to
653 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
654 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

655 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall (1) develop,
656 throughout the Departments of Developmental Services, Public
657 Health, Correction, Children and Families, [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs
658 and Mental Health and Addiction Services, uniform management
659 information, uniform statistical information, uniform terminology for
660 similar facilities, uniform electronic health information technology
661 standards and uniform regulations for the licensing of human services
662 facilities, (2) plan for increased participation of the private sector in the
663 delivery of human services, (3) provide direction and coordination to
664 federally funded programs in the human services agencies and
665 recommend uniform system improvements and reallocation of
666 physical resources and designation of a single responsibility across
667 human services agencies lines to eliminate duplication.

668 Sec. 24. Section 18-87j of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes
669 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
670 *1, 2016*):

671 There is established a Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission
672 which shall be within the Office of Policy and Management for
673 administrative purposes only. The commission shall consist of the
674 undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division
675 within the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Court
676 Administrator, the Commissioner of Correction, the Commissioner of

677 Public Safety, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the
678 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the
679 chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or their designees,
680 the executive director of the Court Support Services Division or other
681 designee of the Chief Court Administrator and the following members,
682 each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor: Three government
683 officials, a police chief, three persons representing offender and victim
684 services within the private community and two public members. In
685 addition, the Labor Commissioner and the Commissioner of Social
686 Services, or their designees, shall be members of the commission with
687 authority to deliberate and vote on matters concerning employment
688 and entitlement programs available to adult and juvenile offenders
689 who are reentering the community, the Commissioner of Children and
690 Families and the Commissioner of Education, or their designees, shall
691 be members of the commission with authority to participate and vote
692 on matters concerning juvenile justice and the Commissioner of
693 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, or his or her designee, shall be a member
694 of the commission with authority to deliberate and vote on matters
695 concerning veterans within the criminal justice system including the
696 reentry needs of incarcerated veterans. The undersecretary of the
697 Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division shall serve as
698 chairperson of the commission. The commission shall meet at such
699 times as it deems necessary.

700 Sec. 25. Subsection (c) of section 19a-490b of the general statutes is
701 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
702 *1, 2016*):

703 (c) Each institution licensed pursuant to this chapter shall maintain
704 information regarding each patient's status as a veteran, as defined in
705 subsection (a) of section 27-103. Said information shall be made
706 available, upon request, to any duly authorized representative of the
707 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs.

708 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 22-26*l* of the 2016 supplement to the

709 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
710 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

711 (a) The Department of Agriculture shall establish and administer a
712 Connecticut Farm Link program to establish a database of farmers and
713 agricultural land owners who intend to sell their farm operations or
714 agricultural land. The database shall be maintained by the Department
715 of Agriculture and shall be made available to the public on the
716 department's web site. Persons interested in starting an agricultural
717 business or persons interested in expanding a current agricultural
718 business may notify the department and have their names, contact
719 information and intentions regarding such businesses placed on the
720 web site. The department shall make reasonable efforts to facilitate
721 contact between parties with similar interests, including, but not
722 limited to, growing and processing crops as feedstock for biodiesel
723 heating and transportation fuels. The Department of Agriculture may
724 collaborate with the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, The
725 University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service and the
726 Labor Department to encourage and assist veterans in starting or
727 expanding an agricultural business and to provide education and
728 training opportunities to veterans concerning farming or agricultural
729 operations.

730 Sec. 27. Subsection (c) of section 27-61a of the general statutes is
731 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
732 *1, 2016*):

733 (c) The Adjutant General, in consultation with the Commissioner of
734 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, shall adopt regulations, in accordance
735 with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this
736 section. Such regulations shall include procedures for verification of
737 eligibility of an eligible member or veteran and for the application for
738 and payment of the amounts specified in this section.

739 Sec. 28. Section 27-73e of the general statutes is repealed and the

740 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

741 The Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs in conjunction
742 with the Adjutant General shall award a ribbon and medal to each
743 veteran who served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of
744 section 27-103, and who either (1) was a resident of this state at the
745 time he or she was called to active duty for such service, or (2) is
746 domiciled in this state on the date of such award. The commissioner in
747 conjunction with the Adjutant General shall adopt regulations, in
748 accordance with chapter 54, setting forth the process for designing the
749 ribbon and medal, identifying veterans who are eligible for the ribbon
750 and medal under this section and establishing procedures for
751 distributing the ribbon and medal to each eligible veteran. The cost of
752 the ribbons and medals shall be paid from the funds appropriated to
753 the military assistance account within the Military Department. Within
754 existing budgetary resources, awards under this section may be made
755 posthumously for veterans who died on or after January 1, 2000.

756 Sec. 29. Section 27-83 of the general statutes is repealed and the
757 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

758 Separation allowances for such dependents shall be paid on a basis
759 of not more than twenty dollars per month to the spouse of such
760 soldier, sailor or marine and not more than six dollars per month for
761 each minor child, under sixteen years, of such soldier, sailor or marine,
762 provided, if such soldier, sailor or marine has neither a spouse nor a
763 child, but has actually and solely dependent upon him or her for
764 support a father or brother who is unable to support himself by his
765 own labors, or a mother or sister so solely and actually dependent, or,
766 if such soldier, sailor or marine has such father, brother, mother or
767 sister actually and solely dependent upon him in addition to a spouse
768 or child or children or both, it shall be within the discretion of the
769 Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs to pay a separation
770 allowance or separation allowances to such additional dependents, or
771 to such spouse or children, or to both, provided no separation

772 allowance paid to all dependents of one soldier, sailor or marine under
773 the terms of this chapter shall amount in the aggregate to more than
774 fifty dollars per month, and provided no person shall receive a
775 separation allowance as a dependent of more than one soldier, sailor or
776 marine.

777 Sec. 30. Section 27-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the
778 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

779 Whenever a person enlists in the armed forces of the state, either in
780 the National Guard or other troops, he or she shall certify to the
781 enlistment officer the name, sex and age of each person who, in the
782 event of his or her being called upon to do active military or naval
783 service, will be dependent upon him or her within the meaning of this
784 chapter. Such information shall be filed with the commander of the
785 unit to which such soldier, sailor or marine is assigned and with the
786 Adjutant General of the state, to be made a part of the state military
787 records. When any member of the National Guard or other troop of the
788 state becomes responsible for the care of more dependents than have
789 been previously certified to by him or her, such member shall give
790 notice to the commander of the unit of the state forces to which he or
791 she is attached, and such commander shall inform the Adjutant
792 General and also certify to the same in his own company records. All
793 records of persons entitled to receive separation allowances under this
794 chapter shall be based upon such information filed by Connecticut
795 soldiers, sailors or marines with their organization commanders and
796 with the Adjutant General as herein described unless the
797 Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs finds such information
798 to be incorrect, and separation allowances shall be paid to other
799 persons only if in the opinion of said commissioner injustice will be
800 done the bona fide dependents of Connecticut soldiers, sailors or
801 marines if they are not so paid.

802 Sec. 31. Section 27-100c of the general statutes is repealed and the
803 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

804 (a) As used in this section, (1) "department" means the Department
805 of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, (2) "service member" means a member
806 of the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103,
807 including the Connecticut National Guard, (3) "veteran" has the same
808 meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103, and (4)
809 "committee" means the joint standing committee of the General
810 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' and
811 military affairs.

812 (b) The Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs shall develop
813 and maintain a service members' and veterans' contact list, consisting
814 of only the names and mailing addresses of service members and
815 veterans who reside in this state, using information in the department's
816 records and information submitted to the department by (1) the
817 Military Department, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, (2)
818 the assessor of each town, as provided in subsection (d) of this section,
819 and (3) service members or veterans, as provided in subsection (e) of
820 this section.

821 (c) On or before September 1, 2005, the Military Department shall
822 submit to the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs a list of the
823 name and mailing address, but no other information, of each service
824 member who is a resident of this state that is in the records of the
825 Military Department.

826 (d) On or before the sixtieth day following the date on which an
827 exemption pursuant to subdivision (19) of section 12-81 takes effect, as
828 provided in section 12-95, the assessor of each town that granted any
829 such exemption shall submit to the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans
830 Affairs a list of the name and mailing address, but no other
831 information, of each individual who has such exemption.

832 (e) A service member or veteran who is a resident of this state may
833 add his or her name and mailing address to the contact list by
834 submitting such information to the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans

835 Affairs in person or by mail. A service member shall include a copy of
836 his or her military identification card and a veteran shall include a
837 copy of his or her military discharge document, as defined in section 1-
838 219.

839 (f) Any individual who is included in the contact list may cause his
840 or her name to be removed from the contact list by notifying the
841 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs in writing.

842 (g) (1) The Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs or the
843 Military Department may use the contact list solely for the purposes of
844 notifying service members or veterans of benefits, proposed or enacted
845 legislation that affects service members or veterans or their families, or
846 other information that the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs
847 or the Military Department believes will be helpful to service members
848 or veterans or their families. The Department of [Veterans'] Veterans
849 Affairs shall provide a copy of the contact list to the Military
850 Department, upon receipt of a written request signed by the Adjutant
851 General.

852 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-
853 210, the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs and the Military
854 Department shall not disclose any information in the contact list to any
855 person other than as provided in this subsection. No person shall use
856 the contact list for any purpose other than as provided in subdivision
857 (1) of this subsection.

858 Sec. 32. Section 27-100d of the general statutes is repealed and the
859 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

860 The Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs shall provide a toll-
861 free telephone number for use as a clearinghouse by active members of
862 the armed forces in this state, including the National Guard, and their
863 families to obtain, in response to their requests about benefits or
864 services that may be available to such members or their families,
865 referrals to entities that provide such benefits or services. The toll-free

866 telephone number shall be staffed by employees of or trained
867 volunteers working at the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs
868 on weekdays during regular business hours, and on weekends and
869 holidays from nine o'clock a.m. to five o'clock p.m.

870 Sec. 33. Section 27-100f of the general statutes is repealed and the
871 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

872 (a) On or before July 1, 2012, the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans
873 Affairs shall publish on the department's Internet web site an
874 informational page listing any benefits, services or programs offered to
875 veterans or their families by any state or federal agency, department or
876 institution. The department shall maintain the informational page after
877 said date and shall update the informational page annually. The
878 department shall publish on the informational page any information
879 concerning the eligibility requirements and application process for
880 such benefits, services or programs, the name and contact information
881 of any entity offering such benefits, services or programs, and a link to
882 the Internet web site for such entity.

883 (b) On and after July 1, 2013, the Commissioner of [Veterans']
884 Veterans Affairs, or the commissioner's designee, shall, within
885 available appropriations, publish a list of qualified veterans' charitable
886 organizations. The commissioner shall place any qualified veterans'
887 charitable organization on such list for a period of three years.
888 Organizations may apply and reapply to the commissioner for
889 inclusion on the list by submitting information regarding such
890 organization's status to the commissioner, on a form prescribed by the
891 commissioner, and any additional information the commissioner
892 deems necessary to determine whether such organization constitutes a
893 qualified veterans' charitable organization. A qualified veterans'
894 charitable organization is one which: (1) Holds itself out to be
895 established for any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane,
896 scientific, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy purpose relating to or
897 on behalf of veterans; and (2) has been (A) a nonstock corporation,

898 organized under chapter 602, or any predecessor thereto, for three or
899 more years, or (B) a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c) of
900 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
901 internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to
902 time, for three or more consecutive years. The list of qualified veterans'
903 charitable organizations, a link to such organization's Internet web site,
904 and the qualifications for inclusion on such list set forth in
905 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, shall be published on the
906 informational Internet web site established in this section and shall
907 bear a disclaimer as follows: "This list is prepared for the public solely
908 for the purpose of information. The state of Connecticut provides no
909 warranty about the content or accuracy of the content herein."

910 Sec. 34. Section 27-100g of the 2016 supplement to the general
911 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
912 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

913 The Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs shall establish,
914 within available resources, a Connecticut women veterans' program to
915 (1) conduct outreach to women veterans for the purpose of improving
916 awareness of eligibility for federal and state veterans' benefits and
917 services; (2) conduct assessments of the needs of women veterans with
918 respect to benefits and services; (3) review programs, research projects
919 and other initiatives designed to address or meet the needs of
920 Connecticut's women veterans; (4) submit recommendations for
921 improving benefits and services available to women veterans to the
922 Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs and, in accordance with
923 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
924 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military
925 and veterans' affairs on January 15, 2016, and annually thereafter; and
926 (5) incorporate women veterans' issues in strategic planning
927 concerning benefits and services. The commissioner may adopt
928 regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to supplement and
929 implement the provisions of this section. For the purposes of this
930 section, "veteran" means any person who was discharged or released

931 under conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the
932 armed forces and "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in
933 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

934 Sec. 35. Section 27-119 of the general statutes is repealed and the
935 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

936 When the grave of any person who, in time of war, served in the
937 military or naval forces of the English colonies in America, prior to
938 1776, or the grave of any veteran, which is located in this state, is
939 unmarked by a suitable headstone, or is marked by a bronze marker
940 erected by this state, the Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs
941 shall, upon application made not later than two years after the death of
942 such veteran or two years from the interment of the remains of such
943 veteran from abroad, provide payment for the costs of erecting
944 headstones provided by the federal government and shall furnish
945 transportation costs, where none are provided, for said headstones
946 from the nearest destination point to which the federal government
947 will deliver such headstones, to the gravesite, provided such payment
948 is requested not later than one year from the date of the approval of
949 such application. The expense of transportation and the erection or
950 installation of such headstone to an amount not exceeding an amount
951 prescribed by the commissioner, shall be paid by the Comptroller.

952 Sec. 36. Subsection (a) of section 27-140cc of the general statutes is
953 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
954 *1, 2016*):

955 (a) The commission shall advise the Department of [Veterans']
956 Veterans Affairs on (1) medical, administrative and social assistance
957 needed for veterans who were exposed to Vietnam herbicides, (2)
958 recommendations for legislation and (3) information that should be
959 provided to veterans about epidemiological or other studies relating to
960 Vietnam herbicide exposure which are being conducted by the state or
961 federal government.

962 Sec. 37. Section 27-140dd of the general statutes is repealed and the
963 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

964 The department, in conjunction and consultation with the
965 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, and within available
966 appropriations, may: (1) Establish, promote and maintain a public
967 information program on Vietnam herbicides which shall include, but
968 not be limited to, an extensive effort to identify and contact veterans
969 who may have been exposed to such herbicides; (2) establish, maintain
970 and promote a reporting process for veterans who were exposed to
971 Vietnam herbicides; (3) initiate education for health professionals to
972 assist them in understanding the potential risks and state-of-art
973 knowledge with regard to detection, diagnosis and treatment of acute
974 and chronic symptoms associated with Vietnam herbicide exposure,
975 and (4) refer veterans to appropriate state and federal agencies for the
976 purpose of filing claims to remedy medical and financial problems
977 caused by exposure to Vietnam herbicides. The commissioner may
978 enter into agreements with nonprofit veterans' organizations in the
979 state to provide these services.

980 Sec. 38. Subsection (a) of section 27-140ee of the general statutes is
981 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
982 *1, 2016*):

983 (a) A physician who has primary responsibility for treating a
984 veteran who believes he may have been exposed to Vietnam herbicides
985 while serving in the armed forces of the United States, shall, at the
986 request of the veteran, submit a report to the Department of [Veterans']
987 Veterans Affairs. If there is no physician having primary responsibility
988 for treating the veteran, the hospital treating the veteran shall, at the
989 request of the veteran, submit the report to the commission. Any
990 report of a physician or hospital shall include: (1) Any symptoms of
991 exposure to a Vietnam herbicide; (2) diagnosis of the veteran; and (3)
992 methods of treatment prescribed.

993 Sec. 39. Subsection (b) of section 27-140ii of the general statutes is
994 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
995 *1, 2016*):

996 (b) On and after October 1, 2005, the Adjutant General and the
997 Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs shall assist any eligible
998 member or veteran who (1) has been assigned a risk level I, II or III for
999 depleted uranium exposure by his or her branch of service, (2) is
1000 referred by a military physician, or (3) has reason to believe that he or
1001 she was exposed to depleted uranium during such service, in
1002 obtaining federal treatment services, including a best practice health
1003 screening test for exposure to depleted uranium using a bioassay
1004 procedure involving sensitive methods capable of detecting depleted
1005 uranium at low levels and the use of equipment with the capacity to
1006 discriminate between different radioisotopes in naturally occurring
1007 levels of uranium and the characteristic ratio and marker for depleted
1008 uranium. No state funds shall be used to pay for such tests or such
1009 other federal treatment services.

1010 Sec. 40. Section 36a-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1011 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1012 A financial institution may not disclose to any person, except to the
1013 customer or the customer's duly authorized agent, any financial
1014 records relating to such customer unless the customer has authorized
1015 disclosure to such person or the financial records are disclosed in
1016 response to (1) a certificate signed by the Commissioner of
1017 Administrative Services or the Commissioner of Social Services
1018 pursuant to the provisions of section 17b-137, (2) a lawful subpoena,
1019 summons, warrant or court order as provided in section 36a-43, (3)
1020 interrogatories by a judgment creditor or a demand by a levying
1021 officer as provided in sections 52-351b and 52-356a, (4) a certificate
1022 issued by a medical provider or its attorney under subsection (b) of
1023 section 17b-124, provided nothing in this subsection shall require the
1024 provider or its attorney to furnish to the financial institution any

1025 application for medical assistance filed pursuant to an agreement with
1026 the IV-D agency under subsection (c) of section 17b-137, (5) a certificate
1027 signed by the Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs pursuant
1028 to section 27-117, (6) the consent of an elderly person or the
1029 representative of such elderly person provided to a person,
1030 department, agency or commission pursuant to section 17b-454,
1031 provided the financial institution shall have no obligation to determine
1032 the capacity of such elderly person or the representative of such
1033 elderly person to provide such consent, (7) a request for information
1034 served upon a financial institution in accordance with subsection (e) of
1035 section 12-162, or (8) a request for information made by the
1036 Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to section 12-39cc.

1037 Sec. 41. Subsection (l) of section 36a-261 of the general statutes is
1038 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1039 *1, 2016*):

1040 (l) Subject to such regulations and restrictions as the commissioner
1041 finds necessary and proper, and subject to the limitations, restrictions
1042 and privileges contained in this subsection, Connecticut banks are
1043 authorized to make and invest in any loan which the Administrator of
1044 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs guarantees, makes a commitment to
1045 guarantee, or insures pursuant to Title III of an Act of Congress
1046 entitled "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944", as amended, without
1047 regard to the limitations and restrictions of this title. (1) Each such loan
1048 shall be subject to the provisions of this title prescribing the maximum
1049 limits, in amount, of: (A) A loan or loans to or total liability of any one
1050 individual, and (B) a loan upon the security of real estate, with relation
1051 to the appraised value of such real estate. (2) Each such loan shall be
1052 secured by a mortgage on real estate, except that a loan pursuant to
1053 Section 501, 502 or 503 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944,
1054 as amended, for the purpose of repairing, altering or improving a
1055 building or buildings, and a loan pursuant to Section 505(a) of said act,
1056 need not be secured by a lien on real property.

1057 Sec. 42. Section 45a-131 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1058 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1059 In any proceeding in the Probate Court in which the state is
1060 interested through the Department of Social Services, the Department
1061 of Administrative Services or the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans
1062 Affairs, any employee of any such department shall be permitted to
1063 participate fully in the proceeding in the same manner as any other
1064 interested party before the court. The judge of the court shall not
1065 require that the state be represented by an attorney-at-law as a
1066 condition of participation.

1067 Sec. 43. Section 45a-355 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1068 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1069 The application for admission of a decedent's will to probate or for
1070 administration of a decedent's estate shall state whether the decedent,
1071 or the spouse or children of the decedent received aid or care from the
1072 state, including aid or care from the former Veterans' Home and
1073 Hospital Commission or the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans
1074 Affairs. A copy of any application which states that the decedent, or
1075 the spouse or children of the decedent did receive such aid or care
1076 shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the Court of
1077 Probate to the Department of Administrative Services or the
1078 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, or both, as the case may
1079 be, and if the Department of Administrative Services or the
1080 Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs fails to present its claim to
1081 the fiduciary within ninety days from the date of mailing of such
1082 notification or the date of the appointment of the fiduciary, whichever
1083 is later, the Department of Administrative Services or the Department
1084 of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, as the case may be, shall be forever
1085 barred from asserting or recovering on such claim from the fiduciary,
1086 the estate of the decedent or any creditor or beneficiary of the state.

1087 Sec. 44. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 45a-649 of the

1088 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1089 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1090 (3) The court shall order such notice as it directs to the following:
1091 (A) The applicant; (B) the person in charge of welfare in the town
1092 where the respondent is domiciled or resident and, if there is no such
1093 person, the first selectman or chief executive officer of the town if the
1094 respondent is receiving assistance from the town; (C) the
1095 Commissioner of Social Services, if the respondent is in a state-
1096 operated institution or receiving aid, care or assistance from the state;
1097 (D) the Commissioner of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs if the respondent
1098 is receiving veterans' benefits or the [Veterans' Home] Veterans
1099 Residential Services facility, or both, if the respondent is receiving aid
1100 or care from [such home] said facility, or both; (E) the Commissioner of
1101 Administrative Services, if the respondent is receiving aid or care from
1102 the state; (F) the children of the respondent and if none, the parents of
1103 the respondent and if none, the brothers and sisters of the respondent
1104 or their representatives; (G) the person in charge of the hospital,
1105 nursing home or some other institution, if the respondent is in a
1106 hospital, nursing home or some other institution.

1107 Sec. 45. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 54-56i of the 2016
1108 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
1109 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1110 (c) The court, after consideration of the recommendation of the
1111 state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's
1112 attorney in charge of the case, may, in its discretion, grant such
1113 application. If the court grants such application, the court shall refer
1114 such person (1) to the Court Support Services Division for
1115 confirmation of the eligibility of the applicant, (2) to the Department of
1116 Mental Health and Addiction Services for evaluation and
1117 determination of an appropriate drug education or substance abuse
1118 treatment program for the first or second time such application is
1119 granted, and (3) to a state-licensed substance abuse treatment program

1120 for evaluation and determination of an appropriate substance abuse
1121 treatment program for the third time such application is granted,
1122 except that, if such person is a veteran, the court may refer such person
1123 to the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs or the United States
1124 Department of Veterans Affairs, as applicable, for any such evaluation
1125 and determination. For the purposes of this subsection and subsection
1126 (d) of this section, "veteran" means any person who was discharged or
1127 released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service
1128 in the armed forces as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this
1129 act.

1130 (d) (1) (A) Upon confirmation of eligibility and receipt of the
1131 evaluation and determination required under subsection (c) of this
1132 section, such person shall be placed in the pretrial drug education and
1133 community service program and referred by the Court Support
1134 Services Division for the purpose of receiving appropriate drug
1135 education services or substance abuse treatment program services, as
1136 recommended by the evaluation conducted pursuant to subsection (c)
1137 of this section and ordered by the court, to the Department of Mental
1138 Health and Addiction Services or to a state-licensed substance abuse
1139 treatment program for placement in the appropriate drug education or
1140 substance abuse treatment program, except that, if such person is a
1141 veteran, the division may refer such person to the Department of
1142 [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of
1143 Veterans Affairs, subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
1144 subsection.

1145 (B) Persons who have been granted entry into the pretrial drug
1146 education and community service program for the first time shall
1147 participate in either a fifteen-session drug education program or a
1148 substance abuse treatment program of not less than fifteen sessions, as
1149 ordered by the court on the basis of the evaluation and determination
1150 required under subsection (c) of this section. Persons who have been
1151 granted entry into the pretrial drug education and community service
1152 program for the second time shall participate in either a fifteen-session

1153 drug education program or a substance abuse treatment program of
1154 not less than fifteen sessions, as ordered by the court based on the
1155 evaluation and determination required under subsection (c) of this
1156 section. Persons who have been granted entry into the pretrial drug
1157 education and community service program for a third time shall be
1158 referred to a state-licensed substance abuse program for evaluation
1159 and participation in a course of treatment as ordered by the court
1160 based on the evaluation and determination required under subsection
1161 (c) of this section.

1162 (C) Persons who have been granted entry into the pretrial drug
1163 education and community service program shall also participate in a
1164 community service program administered by the Court Support
1165 Services Division pursuant to section 53a-39c. Persons who have been
1166 granted entry into the pretrial drug education and community service
1167 program for the first time shall participate in the community service
1168 program for a period of five days. Persons who have been granted
1169 entry into the pretrial drug education and community service program
1170 for the second time shall participate in the community service program
1171 for a period of fifteen days. Persons who have been granted entry into
1172 the pretrial drug education and community service program for a third
1173 or additional time shall participate in the community service program
1174 for a period of thirty days.

1175 (D) Placement in the pretrial drug education and community service
1176 program pursuant to this section shall not exceed one year. Persons
1177 receiving substance abuse treatment program services in accordance
1178 with the provisions of this section shall only receive such services at
1179 state-licensed substance abuse treatment program facilities that are in
1180 compliance with all state standards governing the operation of such
1181 facilities, except that, if such person is a veteran, such person may
1182 receive services from facilities under the supervision of the
1183 Department of [Veterans] Veterans Affairs or the United States
1184 Department of Veterans Affairs, subject to the provisions of
1185 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

1186 (E) Any person who enters the pretrial drug education and
1187 community service program shall agree: (i) To the tolling of the statute
1188 of limitations with respect to such crime; (ii) to a waiver of such
1189 person's right to a speedy trial; (iii) to complete participation in the
1190 pretrial drug education and community service program, as ordered
1191 by the court; (iv) to commence participation in the pretrial drug
1192 education and community service program not later than ninety days
1193 after the date of entry of the court order unless granted a delayed entry
1194 into the program by the court; and (v) upon completion of
1195 participation in the pretrial drug education and community service
1196 program, to accept (I) placement in a treatment program upon the
1197 recommendation of a provider under contract with the Department of
1198 Mental Health and Addiction Services or a provider under the
1199 supervision of the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs or the
1200 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or (II) placement in a
1201 treatment program that has standards substantially similar to, or
1202 higher than, a program of a provider under contract with the
1203 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, if the Court
1204 Support Services Division deems it appropriate.

1205 (2) The Court Support Services Division may only refer a veteran to
1206 the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs or the United States
1207 Department of Veterans Affairs for the receipt of services under the
1208 program if (A) the division determines that such services will be
1209 provided in a timely manner under standards substantially similar to,
1210 or higher than, standards for services provided by the Department of
1211 Mental Health and Addiction Services under the program, and (B) the
1212 applicable department agrees to submit timely program participation
1213 and completion reports to the division in the manner required by the
1214 division.

1215 Sec. 46. Subsection (e) of section 54-56l of the 2016 supplement to the
1216 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1217 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1218 (e) Upon confirmation of eligibility and consideration of the
1219 treatment plan presented by the Court Support Services Division, the
1220 court may grant the application for participation in the program. If the
1221 court grants the application, such person shall be referred to the
1222 division. The division may collaborate with the Department of Mental
1223 Health and Addiction Services, the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans
1224 Affairs or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, as
1225 applicable, to place such person in a program that provides
1226 appropriate community supervision, treatment and services. The
1227 person shall be subject to the supervision of a probation officer who
1228 has a reduced caseload and specialized training in working with
1229 persons with psychiatric disabilities.

1230 Sec. 47. Section 20-248 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1231 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1232 Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any patient of the [Veterans'
1233 Home] Veterans Residential Services facility at Rocky Hill from
1234 practicing the occupation of a master barber in said home. Nothing in
1235 this chapter shall be construed to prevent any person holding a
1236 registered hairdresser and cosmetician's license under the provisions
1237 of chapter 387 from cutting the hair of any person, or to prevent any
1238 person licensed under the provisions of chapter 387 from carrying on
1239 the occupation of hairdresser and cosmetician. Nothing in this chapter
1240 or in chapter 387 shall be construed to prevent a licensed registered
1241 hairdresser and cosmetician from working in a barber shop or a
1242 licensed master barber from working in a hairdressing and
1243 cosmetology shop.

1244 Sec. 48. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1245 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1246 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
1247 expended by it in furnishing temporary income; subsistence items such
1248 as food, wearing apparel, shelter and related expenses; medical or

1249 surgical aid or care or relief to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,
1250 soldiers, sailors or marines who performed service in time of war, as
1251 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, in any branch of the
1252 military service of the United States, including the Connecticut
1253 National Guard, or who were engaged in any of the wars waged by the
1254 United States during said periods in the forces of any government
1255 associated with the United States, who have been honorably
1256 discharged therefrom or honorably released from active service
1257 therein, and who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at the time
1258 of entering said armed forces of the United States, including the
1259 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, or to their
1260 spouses who are living with them, or to their widows or widowers
1261 who were living with them at the time of death, or dependent children
1262 under eighteen years of age, who may be in need of the same. All such
1263 payments shall be made by the American Legion under authority of its
1264 bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the procedure for proof of
1265 eligibility for such aid, provided payments made for the care and
1266 treatment of any person entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at
1267 any hospital receiving aid from the General Assembly unless special
1268 care and treatment are required, shall be in accordance with the
1269 provisions of section 17b-239, and provided the sum expended for the
1270 care or treatment of such person at any other place than a state-aided
1271 hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost of supporting such
1272 person at the [Veterans' Home] Healthcare Center in Rocky Hill
1273 maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs, unless special care
1274 and treatment are required, when such sum as may be determined by
1275 the treasurer of such organization may be paid therefor. Upon the
1276 completion of the trust provided for in section 27-138, the principal
1277 fund shall revert to the State Treasury.

1278 Sec. 49. Section 38a-502 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1279 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1280 No individual health insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery
1281 or renewed in this state on or after October 1, 1988, may exclude

1282 coverage for services provided by the [Veterans' Home] Healthcare
 1283 Center in Rocky Hill maintained by the Department of Veterans
 1284 Affairs.

1285 Sec. 50. Section 38-529 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 1286 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1287 No group health insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery or
 1288 renewed in this state on or after October 1, 1988, may exclude coverage
 1289 for services provided by the [Veterans' Home] Healthcare Center in
 1290 Rocky Hill maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-102l
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-102n
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-103(b)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-106
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-106a
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-107
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-108
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-128
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	3-2b
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	3-38
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	3-65a(k)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	4-5
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	4-38c
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	4-61bb(d)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	4a-12(a)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	4b-21(c)
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	12-217pp(e)(1)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	13b-50b
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	14-36h(e)
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-451(i)
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-453d
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-485c(a)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-59a(b)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	18-87j

Sec. 25	July 1, 2016	19a-490b(c)
Sec. 26	July 1, 2016	22-261(a)
Sec. 27	July 1, 2016	27-61a(c)
Sec. 28	July 1, 2016	27-73e
Sec. 29	July 1, 2016	27-83
Sec. 30	July 1, 2016	27-84
Sec. 31	July 1, 2016	27-100c
Sec. 32	July 1, 2016	27-100d
Sec. 33	July 1, 2016	27-100f
Sec. 34	July 1, 2016	27-100g
Sec. 35	July 1, 2016	27-119
Sec. 36	July 1, 2016	27-140cc(a)
Sec. 37	July 1, 2016	27-140dd
Sec. 38	July 1, 2016	27-140ee(a)
Sec. 39	July 1, 2016	27-140ii(b)
Sec. 40	July 1, 2016	36a-42
Sec. 41	July 1, 2016	36a-261(l)
Sec. 42	July 1, 2016	45a-131
Sec. 43	July 1, 2016	45a-355
Sec. 44	July 1, 2016	45a-649(a)(3)
Sec. 45	July 1, 2016	54-56i(c) and (d)
Sec. 46	July 1, 2016	54-56l(e)
Sec. 47	July 1, 2016	20-248
Sec. 48	July 1, 2016	27-140
Sec. 49	July 1, 2016	38a-502
Sec. 50	July 1, 2016	38-529

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify definitions and terminology related to the Department of Veterans Affairs and make technical and conforming changes.

[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.]