



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 116**

February Session, 2016

House Bill No. 5360

*House of Representatives, March 22, 2016*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. HENNESSY of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Military Department shall be comprised of (1) the armed forces  
4 of the state, as defined in section 27-2, which shall be under the  
5 military command and control of the Adjutant General, and (2) [any  
6 civilian employee appointed by the Adjutant General pursuant to  
7 section 27-31] the department's civilian employees. The Military  
8 Department shall be under the [charge] command and control of the  
9 Adjutant General. On or before July 1, 1980, the Governor shall  
10 appoint an Adjutant General with the rank of major general to serve  
11 for a term of two years from July 1, 1980. Quadrennially thereafter, the  
12 Governor shall appoint an Adjutant General with the rank of  
13 lieutenant general to serve for a term of four years, from such first day  
14 of July and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Adjutant  
15 General shall have had at least fifteen years' commissioned service in

16 the armed forces of the United States, at least ten years of which shall  
 17 have been served in the National Guard, and shall have obtained the  
 18 [rank of lieutenant colonel or higher in the Army, Marine Corps or Air  
 19 Force, or the rank of commander or higher in the Navy or Coast  
 20 Guard] minimum officer grade of O-5. No person shall be appointed or  
 21 continue to serve as Adjutant General after reaching the age of sixty-  
 22 four years. The Adjutant General may be suspended or removed by  
 23 the Governor in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-11, 4-12  
 24 and 4-13.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-19

**VA**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact associated with modifying the requirements to serve as the Adjutant General.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5360**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill modifies the qualifications for adjutant general of the Connecticut National Guard, requiring that at least 10 of the 15 currently required years of commissioned service in the U.S. Armed Forces be in the National Guard.

The bill also makes technical changes, including specifying the officer grade, rather than the officer rank, that qualifies a person to serve as adjutant general.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/08/2016)