



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 155

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House Bill No. 5472

House of Representatives, March 23, 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 VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-138b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 Any applicant denied aid under section 27-140 shall be given
4 written notice by registered mail by the administrator of the Soldiers,
5 Sailors and Marines Fund stating the reasons for such denial. The
6 applicant may, [within fifteen days of] not later than fifteen days after
7 the date of the mailing of such notice, make a request in writing by
8 registered mail directed to the administrator for a hearing on such
9 denial. The administrator shall notify the applicant in writing, [within
10 five days of] not later than five days after the receipt of the request, of
11 the place and date of hearing, which hearing shall be held not [less]
12 earlier than thirty days from the date of mailing of the notice. The
13 hearing may be conducted by the administrator or by a hearing officer
14 appointed by the administrator in writing. The applicant shall be
15 entitled to be represented by counsel and a transcript or audio or

16 audiovisual recording of the hearing shall be made by the
17 administrator. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer, he shall
18 state his findings and make recommendation to the administrator on
19 the issue of the denial of the application. The administrator, based
20 upon such findings and recommendations of the hearing officer, or
21 after a hearing conducted by him, shall render a decision in writing
22 denying the application or granting it in accordance with the
23 regulations of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund. A copy of such
24 decision shall be sent by registered mail to the applicant. An applicant
25 aggrieved by said decision may appeal therefrom as provided in
26 section 27-138c.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	27-138b

VA *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill results in no fiscal impact as it makes technical changes to the veterans' statutes.

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OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5472

AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

SUMMARY:

This bill makes technical changes to the appeals process for denials of aid from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/08/2016)