



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 207

Senate, March 21, 2016

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-73g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Adjutant General and two officers of field grade or above,
4 appointed by the Adjutant General, shall constitute a board of officers
5 to receive recommendations, through military channels, for the award,
6 within available appropriations, of the medal of achievement to any
7 member of the [Connecticut National Guard] armed forces of the state,
8 as defined in section 27-2, the armed forces of the United States or the
9 armed forces of any other state, who has distinguished himself or
10 herself through outstanding achievement or meritorious service
11 during the performance of any state military service, [, including
12 military service described in section 27-61 and military service
13 performed pursuant to chapter 518.] A bronze oak leaf cluster shall be
14 issued in lieu of succeeding awards and a silver oak leaf cluster shall
15 be worn in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-73g

VA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Military Dept.	GF - Cost	Up to \$150	Up to \$150

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill results in an annual cost of up to \$150 per year by expanding the eligibility for the state Medal of Achievement. Each award costs \$15 and a maximum of 10 additional awards per year will result from the changes in the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 207****AN ACT CONCERNING AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT.****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the Connecticut National Guard's medal of achievement award program, which gives awards to guard members who distinguish themselves through outstanding achievement or meritorious service performing any state military service. The bill allows the award to be made to any member of (1) the state's armed forces, instead of just Connecticut National Guard members; (2) the U.S. Armed Forces; or (3) another state's armed forces.

The state's armed forces consist of the National Guard, organized militia, naval militia, and Marine Corps branch of the naval militia, whenever organized (CGS § 27-2). A board consisting of the adjutant general and two officers he appoints makes the awards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/03/2016)