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The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist. and SEN. MARTIN of the 31st Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 27-108 of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

4 (a) Any veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as
5 amended by this act, who meets active military, naval or air service
6 requirements, as described in 38 USC 101, as amended from time to
7 time, may apply for admission to the Veterans Residential Services
8 facility or Healthcare Center; and any such veteran who has no
9 adequate means of support, and who, from disease, wounds or
10 accident, needs medical or surgical care and treatment or who has
11 become mentally ill, may be admitted to any hospital and receive
12 necessary food, clothing, care and treatment therein, at the expense of

13 the state, unless other funds or means of payment are available.
14 Whenever a person is admitted to a hospital, such person shall be
15 asked if he or she is a veteran. Before a hospital submits a bill for
16 services pursuant to this section, such hospital shall take sufficient
17 steps to determine that no other funds or means of payment are
18 available to cover the cost of services rendered to the veteran. The
19 Department of Veterans Affairs shall make available to hospitals a list
20 of payment options and benefits available to cover hospital costs of
21 veterans.

22 (b) Any member or former member of the armed forces, as defined
23 in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act, who is a
24 resident of this state and is entitled to retirement pay under 10 USC
25 Chapter 1223, as amended from time to time, may apply for admission
26 to the [home] Veterans Residential Services facility or Healthcare
27 Center.

28 Sec. 2. Section 3-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

30 (a) Prior to July 1, 2005, the Treasurer is directed to hold the fund
31 known as the posthumous fund of Fitch's Home for the Soldiers in
32 trust, to credit the income from said fund to the Department of
33 Veterans Affairs to be used for the welfare and entertainment of the
34 residents or patients of the Veterans Residential Services facility or
35 Healthcare Center, as those terms are defined in subsection (b) of
36 section 27-103, or any other home established by the state for the care
37 of veterans and to pay from the principal thereof any claim which may
38 be lawfully established against the same.

39 (b) Effective July 1, 2005, the Treasurer shall consolidate the
40 posthumous fund of Fitch's Home for the Soldiers and the Fitch Fund.
41 The name of the consolidated fund shall be the Fitch Fund. On and
42 after July 1, 2005, the Treasurer shall hold the Fitch Fund in trust, to
43 credit the income from said fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs
44 to be used for the welfare and entertainment of the residents or
45 patients of the Veterans Residential Services facility or Healthcare

46 Center or any other home established by the state for the care of
47 veterans and to pay from the principal thereof any claim that may be
48 lawfully established against said fund.

49 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 5-173 of the general statutes is
50 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
51 *October 1, 2018*):

52 (c) Any such person who, while so employed, was granted military
53 leave to enter the armed forces, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as
54 amended by this act, and who, upon his discharge and within ninety
55 days, returned to such service, shall be granted retirement credit for
56 any period of service in time of war, as defined [by] in said section,
57 and for military service during a national emergency declared by the
58 President of the United States on and after September 1, 1939, toward
59 the [required minimum of twenty years service] minimum service
60 requirement of twenty years; and any such person may be granted
61 credit for any such war service prior to such employment upon
62 payment of contributions and interest computed in accordance with
63 subsection (b) of section 5-180, as amended by this act, but such service
64 shall not be counted toward the minimum service requirement of
65 twenty years.

66 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 5-180 of the general statutes is
67 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
68 *October 1, 2018*):

69 (b) The war service before September 1, 1939, of a veteran who
70 became a member after September 1, 1939, and the war service or
71 military service during a national emergency declared by the President
72 of the United States on and after September 1, 1939, of a veteran who
73 became a member at any time, shall be counted as state service if the
74 member makes retirement contributions for each month of war service
75 as defined [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this act, and described
76 in subdivision (28) of section 5-196, or for each month of such service
77 during a national emergency, as the case may be. Any veteran who
78 becomes a member on or after July 1, 1975, shall not receive credit for

79 such war or military service if such member has received or is entitled
80 to receive any retirement allowance for the same years of such service
81 from the federal government. Any veteran who is a member and who
82 has not made application for such credit prior to July 1, 1975, shall not
83 receive credit for such service if such member has received or is
84 entitled to receive any retirement allowance for the same years of such
85 service from the federal government unless such member makes
86 application for such credit to the Retirement Commission on or before
87 October 1, 1975, and makes retirement contributions for each month of
88 such service in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. The
89 Comptroller of the state may notify each employee of this provision on
90 or before September 1, 1975. Such contributions shall equal one-twelfth
91 of four per cent of his first year's salary as a state employee multiplied
92 by the total number of months of such war service or national
93 emergency service and, if such employee became a member after April
94 1, 1958, shall be accompanied by interest at four per cent per year from
95 the time such war service was rendered or from September 1, 1939,
96 whichever is later, until the date of payment or January 1, 1962,
97 whichever is earlier. Such contributions may be paid by payroll
98 deductions as determined by the Retirement Commission over a
99 period not to exceed thirty-six months, interest thereon to be paid not
100 later than the last day of the month following the payment of the last
101 of such deductions. Service credit for retirement purposes shall not be
102 granted unless payment of contributions and interest is completed. No
103 credit shall be given hereunder for military service during a national
104 emergency to any state employee who has served less than ten years as
105 a permanent full-time state employee, nor for any such military service
106 beyond a total period of his compulsory service, if any, plus three
107 years.

108 Sec. 5. Section 7-461 of the general statutes is repealed and the
109 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

110 Each officer and employee of any town, city or borough who is a
111 member of the reserve corps of any branch of the armed forces of the
112 United States, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this act,

113 shall be entitled to absent himself from his duties or services while
114 engaged in required field training in such reserve corps. No such
115 officer or employee shall be subjected by any person, directly or
116 indirectly, by reason of such absence, to any loss or reduction of
117 vacation or holiday privileges or be prejudiced by reason of such
118 absence with reference to promotion or continuance in office or
119 employment or to reappointment to office or to reemployment. While
120 engaged in such training, each officer or employee who is a bona fide
121 member of the reserve corps of any branch of the armed forces shall
122 receive the difference between his compensation for military activities
123 and his salary or compensation as such officer or employee, provided,
124 if his compensation for military activities exceeds the amount due him
125 as such officer or employee, his military compensation shall prevail.
126 The period of absence in any calendar year shall not exceed thirty
127 days.

128 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 10-97 of the 2018 supplement to the
129 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
130 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

131 (c) Any local or regional board of education which transports
132 students to a state or state-approved technical education and career
133 school, or school furnishing agricultural science and technology
134 education shall be reimbursed for a portion of such pupil
135 transportation annually in accordance with the provisions of section
136 10-266m, and the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section
137 relating to reimbursement percentages, provided the reimbursement
138 for transportation costs to a school furnishing vocational agricultural
139 training shall not exceed an amount equal to such reimbursement of
140 the costs of transporting such pupils to the school furnishing a full
141 program of vocational agricultural training nearest to the sending
142 school district at the time of the pupil's initial enrollment in the
143 program. Application for such reimbursement shall be made by the
144 board of education to the State Board of Education at such time and in
145 such manner as said state board prescribes. The provisions of this
146 section shall apply to a veteran who served in time of war, as defined

147 [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this act, without regard to age or
148 whether or not such veteran resides with a parent or guardian
149 provided such veteran is attending a state or state-approved vocational
150 secondary school.

151 Sec. 7. Section 10-156c of the general statutes is repealed and the
152 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

153 Each professional employee certified by the State Board of
154 Education and employed by a local or regional board of education who
155 is a member of the reserve corps of any branch of the armed forces of
156 the United States, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this
157 act, shall be entitled to be absent from his or her duties or services
158 while engaged in required field training in such reserve corps. No such
159 employee shall be subjected by any person, directly or indirectly, by
160 reason of such absence, to any loss or reduction of vacation or holiday
161 privileges or be prejudiced by reason of such absence with reference to
162 promotion or continuance in employment or to reemployment. The
163 period of absence in any calendar year shall not exceed thirty days.

164 Sec. 8. Section 10-183o of the general statutes is repealed and the
165 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

166 During any period when this country is at war, a board of education
167 may cause to be paid to the retirement board the mandatory
168 contributions of members who were in its employ at the time of
169 entering into the armed forces, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as
170 amended by this act. Such contributions as may be approved by the
171 board of education shall be included in the annual itemized budget
172 estimate of the costs of maintenance of public schools for the ensuing
173 year.

174 Sec. 9. Section 14-23 of the general statutes is repealed and the
175 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

176 The commissioner may make application to the Comptroller for a
177 refund when any person surrenders his or her registration or number

178 plate or plates on any noncommercial motor vehicle and is inducted
179 into the armed forces, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as amended by
180 this act, during the then current registration period, such refund to be
181 figured on a quarterly prorated basis but not to exceed three-quarters
182 of the registration fee. The Comptroller, upon application of the
183 commissioner and with the approval of the Attorney General, shall
184 draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of any person who has been
185 inducted into the armed forces for a refund of money paid for the
186 registration of a motor vehicle.

187 Sec. 10. Section 27-76 of the general statutes is repealed and the
188 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

189 When requested by the commander of any accredited veteran
190 organization or by friends or relatives of any deceased person who has
191 served in any of the armed forces of the United States during time of
192 war, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this act, or who
193 has served in the National Guard for more than twenty years or who
194 has died while a member of the National Guard, the Adjutant General
195 shall order an honor guard detail from the National Guard, the naval
196 militia, the State Guard or the organized militia to attend the funeral,
197 except that if an honor guard detail from such guard or militia is
198 unavailable or committed elsewhere, the Adjutant General shall
199 request an honor guard detail from a bona fide Connecticut state
200 veterans' organization, provided such detail shall comply with the
201 rules and procedures set forth in Connecticut National Guard
202 regulation 37-106. Such detail shall consist of not more than five
203 members plus one bugler. The members thereof shall be compensated
204 at the rate of fifty dollars per day. Such compensation shall be paid
205 from funds appropriated to the Adjutant General for the pay of the
206 National Guard and from federal funds received for that purpose.

207 Sec. 11. Section 27-136 of the general statutes is repealed and the
208 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

209 No person who acts under a power of attorney of a principal in the
210 armed forces of the United States, or of a principal whose duties in

211 connection with any service in which the armed forces, as defined [by]
212 in section 27-103, as amended by this act, are engaged involve his or
213 her absence from this country, shall be liable for any such act on the
214 ground that such principal was not alive when such act was performed
215 if such act was performed in good faith and without knowledge of the
216 death of the principal. All such acts shall have the same force and
217 effect upon title and in all other respects as though the principal were
218 alive.

219 Sec. 12. Subsection (d) of section 46b-44 of the general statutes is
220 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
221 *October 1, 2018*):

222 (d) For the purposes of this section, any person who has served or is
223 serving with the armed forces, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as
224 amended by this act, or the merchant marine, and who was a resident
225 of this state at the time of his or her entry shall be deemed to have
226 continuously resided in this state during the time he or she has served
227 or is serving with the armed forces or merchant marine.

228 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 52-152 of the general statutes is
229 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
230 *October 1, 2018*):

231 (a) The court in which any civil action or probate proceeding is
232 pending, and any judge of the court when the court is not in session,
233 may issue a commission to any person in the armed forces, as defined
234 [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this act, authorizing him to take
235 the deposition of any person in the armed forces, to be used as
236 testimony in the civil action or probate proceeding. Such commissioner
237 may administer the requisite oath to any such person to be deposed.

238 Sec. 14. Section 52-571aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
239 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

240 Any person who subjects or causes to be subjected any other person
241 to the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities usually

242 enjoyed by the public, on account of membership in the armed forces
243 of the state, as defined [by] in section 27-2, or of the armed forces, as
244 defined [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this act, or on account of
245 the wearing of the uniform of such service, or who, on account of such
246 membership or the wearing of any such uniform, deprives any other
247 person of the full and equal enjoyment of any advantages, facilities,
248 accommodations, amusement or transportation, subject only to the
249 limitations established by law and applicable alike to all persons, or
250 who, on account of such membership or the wearing of such uniform,
251 discriminates in the price for the enjoyment of any such privileges,
252 shall forfeit and pay to the person injured thereby the greater of one
253 thousand dollars or treble damages, together with costs and a
254 reasonable attorney's fee.

255 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 53a-179a of the general statutes is
256 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
257 *October 1, 2018*):

258 (a) A person is guilty of inciting injury to persons or property when,
259 in public or private, orally, in writing, in printing or in any other
260 manner, he advocates, encourages, justifies, praises, incites or solicits
261 the unlawful burning, injury to or destruction of any public or private
262 property or advocates, encourages, justifies, praises, incites or solicits
263 any assault upon any organization of the armed forces of the United
264 States, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this act, or of
265 this state, as defined [by] in section 27-2, or the police force of this or
266 any other state or upon any officer or member thereof or the organized
267 police or fire departments of any municipality or any officer or
268 member thereof, or the killing or injuring of any class or body of
269 persons, or of any individual.

270 Sec. 16. Subdivision (5) of section 3-62b of the general statutes is
271 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
272 *October 1, 2018*):

273 (5) Sections 3-62b to 3-62g, inclusive, are applicable to all funds or
274 other property in the possession of the government of the United

275 States, and of its departments, officers and agencies, which property
276 has its situs in this state or which belonged or belongs to a resident of
277 this state or which belonged or belongs to a person whose last-known
278 address was within this state, and is not limited to any named federal
279 agency. Said sections are applicable to all funds held in the [Veterans'
280 Administration] United States Department of Veterans Affairs,
281 Comptroller of Currency, United States Treasury, Department of
282 Internal Revenue, Post Office Department, federal courts and registry
283 of federal courts, and to such evidences of indebtedness as adjusted
284 service bonds, matured debts issued prior to 1917, together with
285 interest thereon, postal savings bonds, liberty bonds, victory notes,
286 Treasury bonds, Treasury notes, certificates of indebtedness, Treasury
287 bills, Treasurer's savings certificates, bonuses and adjusted
288 compensation, allotments, postal savings certificates, Farmers Home
289 Administration notes, and all unclaimed refunds or rebates of
290 whatever kind or nature, which are subjects of escheat, under the
291 terms of said sections; provided nothing in said sections shall be
292 construed to mean that any funds held or controlled by the United
293 States on October 1, 1969, under order of any court of the United States
294 shall become property of the state.

295 Sec. 17. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 4a-82 of the
296 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
297 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

298 (1) "Person with a disability" means any individual with a disability,
299 excluding blindness, as such term is applied by the Department of
300 Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department of
301 Developmental Services, the Department of Rehabilitation Services or
302 the [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of Veterans
303 Affairs and who is certified by the Department of Rehabilitation
304 Services as qualified to participate in a qualified partnership, as
305 described in subsections (e) to (l), inclusive, of this section;

306 Sec. 18. Section 5-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the
307 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

308 Any veteran who served in time of war, if such veteran is not
309 eligible for disability compensation or pension from the United States
310 through the [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of
311 Veterans Affairs, or the spouse of such veteran who by reason of such
312 veteran's disability is unable to pursue gainful employment, or the
313 unmarried surviving spouse of such veteran, and if such person has
314 attained at least the minimum earned rating on any examination held
315 for an original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate
316 list to fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228,
317 shall have five points added to his or her earned rating. Any such
318 veteran, or the spouse of such veteran who by reason of such veteran's
319 disability is unable to pursue gainful employment, or the unmarried
320 surviving spouse of such veteran, if such person is eligible for such
321 disability compensation or pension and if he or she has attained at
322 least the minimum earned rating on any such examination held for an
323 original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate list to
324 fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228, shall
325 have ten points added to his or her earned rating. Any person who has
326 been honorably discharged from or released under honorable
327 conditions from active service in the armed forces of the United States,
328 and who has served in a military action for which such person
329 received or was entitled to receive a campaign badge or expeditionary
330 medal, shall have five points added to his or her earned rating if such
331 person has attained at least the minimum earned rating on any such
332 examination held for an original appointment for the purpose of
333 establishing a candidate list to fill a vacancy in accordance with
334 subsection (d) of section 5-228 and such person is not otherwise
335 eligible to receive additional points pursuant to this section. Names of
336 any such persons shall be placed upon the candidate lists in the order
337 of such augmented ratings. Credits shall be based upon examinations
338 with a possible rating of one hundred points.

339 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 7-313c of the general statutes is
340 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
341 *October 1, 2018*):

342 (b) This section shall not apply to any member of a fire department
343 of a town, city or borough receiving educational benefits from the
344 [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of Veterans
345 Affairs or any Connecticut fire department association.

346 Sec. 20. Section 7-415 of the general statutes is repealed and the
347 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

348 Any veteran who served in time of war, if he is not eligible for
349 disability compensation or pension from the United States through the
350 [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of Veterans
351 Affairs and if he has attained at least the minimum earned rating on
352 any examination held for the purpose of establishing an employment
353 list for original appointment shall have five points added to his earned
354 rating. Any such veteran, if he is eligible for such disability
355 compensation or pension and if he has attained at least the minimum
356 earned rating on any such examination, shall have ten points added to
357 his earned rating. Names of veterans shall be placed on the list of
358 eligibles in the order of such augmented rating. Credits shall be based
359 upon examinations with a possible rating of one hundred points. No
360 such points shall be added to any earned rating in any civil service or
361 merit examination except as provided in this section, the provisions of
362 any municipal charter or special act notwithstanding.

363 Sec. 21. Subsection (b) of section 7-436b of the general statutes is
364 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
365 *October 1, 2018*):

366 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
367 the municipal employer of any member who applies on or after July 1,
368 1986, for such military service credit shall pay all contributions
369 required under said subsection which are attributable to that portion
370 of the member's military service time during which he was a prisoner
371 of war, provided such member submits with his application for such
372 credit sufficient proof from [the Veterans' Administration of] the
373 United States Department of Veterans Affairs that he is a former
374 prisoner of war. Any municipal employer which pays the

375 contributions required under this subsection for a member who later
376 receives a retirement allowance for permanent and total disability
377 under this part shall, upon its written request, be refunded all such
378 contributions paid under this subsection, provided such military
379 service credit did not serve to increase the amount of disability
380 retirement benefits for which the member was eligible.

381 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 10a-166 of the 2018 supplement to
382 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
383 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

384 (a) Any child between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three,
385 inclusive, of any person who served in the armed forces in time of war,
386 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act,
387 and who was killed in action or who died as a result of accident or
388 illness sustained while performing active military duty with the armed
389 forces of the United States or who has been rated totally and
390 permanently disabled by [the Veterans' Administration of] the United
391 States Department of Veterans Affairs, or who is missing in action in
392 Vietnam, if such person was a resident of this state at the time of his
393 induction or reenlistment, shall receive, upon application to and
394 approval of such application therefor by the Board of Regents for
395 Higher Education, state aid for tuition, matriculation fees, board, room
396 rent, books and supplies for such child attending any of the following-
397 named institutions approved by said board: An educational or training
398 institution of college grade or any other institution of higher learning
399 or commercial training, a state college, a technical education and career
400 school or technical institute or any accredited military preparatory
401 school if such beneficiary is preparing to enter the United States
402 Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy at
403 Annapolis, the United States Coast Guard Academy at New London or
404 the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. The
405 application submitted to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
406 shall include an affidavit signed by the applicant which states that the
407 applicant has not applied for and will not apply for or receive state aid
408 from another state which is similar to that provided for in this section.

409 Such grant may be used for the matriculation fees of any such
410 beneficiary at any of said United States government academies. Such
411 aid shall be based on need and shall not exceed four hundred dollars
412 per year for each beneficiary and shall be paid to such institution on
413 vouchers approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

414 Sec. 23. Subdivisions (20) and (21) of section 12-81 of the 2018
415 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
416 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

417 (20) Subject to the provisions hereinafter stated, property not
418 exceeding three thousand dollars in amount shall be exempt from
419 taxation, which property belongs to, or is held in trust for, any resident
420 of this state who has served, or is serving, in the Army, Navy, Marine
421 Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United States and (1) has a
422 disability rating by [the Veterans' Administration of] the United States
423 Department of Veterans Affairs amounting to ten per cent or more of
424 total disability, provided such exemption shall be fifteen hundred
425 dollars in any case in which such rating is between ten per cent and
426 twenty-five per cent; two thousand dollars in any case in which such
427 rating is more than twenty-five per cent but not more than fifty per
428 cent; twenty-five hundred dollars in any case in which such rating is
429 more than fifty per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent; and
430 three thousand dollars in any case in which such person has attained
431 sixty-five years of age or such rating is more than seventy-five per
432 cent; or (2) is receiving a pension, annuity or compensation from the
433 United States because of the loss in service of a leg or arm or that
434 which is considered by the rules of the United States Pension Office or
435 the Bureau of War Risk Insurance the equivalent of such loss. If such
436 veteran lacks such amount of property in his or her name, so much of
437 the property belonging to, or held in trust for, his or her spouse, who is
438 domiciled with him or her, as is necessary to equal such amount shall
439 also be so exempt. When any veteran entitled to an exemption under
440 the provisions of this section has died, property belonging to, or held
441 in trust for, his or her surviving spouse, while such spouse remains a
442 widow or widower, or belonging to or held in trust for his or her

443 minor children during their minority, or both, while they are residents
444 of this state, shall be exempt in the same aggregate amount as that to
445 which the disabled veteran was or would have been entitled at the
446 time of his or her death. No individual entitled to exemption under
447 this subdivision and under one or more of subdivisions (19), (22), (23),
448 (25) and (26) of this section shall receive more than one exemption. No
449 individual shall receive any exemption to which he or she is entitled
450 under this subdivision until he or she has complied with section 12-95
451 and has submitted proof of his or her disability rating, as determined
452 by [the Veterans' Administration of] the United States Department of
453 Veterans Affairs, to the assessor of the town in which the exemption is
454 sought. If there is no change to an individual's disability rating, such
455 proof shall not be required for any assessment year following that for
456 which the exemption under this subdivision is granted initially. If [the
457 Veterans' Administration of] the United States Department of Veterans
458 Affairs modifies a veteran's disability rating, such modification shall be
459 deemed a waiver of the right to such exemption until proof of
460 disability rating is submitted to the assessor and the right to such
461 exemption is established as required initially. Any person who has
462 been unable to submit evidence of disability rating in the manner
463 required by this subdivision, or who has failed to submit such
464 evidence as provided in section 12-95, may, when he or she obtains
465 such evidence, make application to the collector of taxes within one
466 year after he or she obtains such proof or within one year after the
467 expiration of the time limited in section 12-95, as the case may be, for
468 abatement in case the tax has not been paid, or for refund in case the
469 whole tax has been paid, of such part or the whole of such tax as
470 represents the service exemption. Such abatement or refund may be
471 granted retroactively to include the assessment day next succeeding
472 the date as of which such person was entitled to such disability rating
473 as determined by [the Veterans' Administration of] the United States
474 Department of Veterans Affairs, but in no case shall any abatement or
475 refund be made for a period greater than three years. The collector
476 shall, after examination of such application, refer the same, with his
477 recommendations thereon, to the board of selectmen of a town or to

478 the corresponding authority of any other municipality, and shall
479 certify to the amount of abatement or refund to which the applicant is
480 entitled. Upon receipt of such application and certification, the
481 selectmen or other duly constituted authority shall, in case the tax has
482 not been paid, issue a certificate of abatement or, in case the whole tax
483 has been paid, draw an order upon the treasurer in favor of such
484 applicant for the amount without interest which represents the service
485 exemption. Any action so taken by such selectmen or other authority
486 shall be a matter of record and the tax collector shall be notified in
487 writing of such action;

488 (21) (A) The dwelling house, and the lot whereupon the same is
489 erected, belonging to or held in trust for any person who is a citizen
490 and resident of this state, occupied as such person's domicile, shall be
491 exempt from local property taxation to the extent of ten thousand
492 dollars of its assessed valuation or, lacking said amount in property in
493 such person's own name, so much of the property belonging to, or held
494 in trust for, such person's spouse, who is domiciled with such person,
495 as is necessary to equal said amount, if such person is a veteran who
496 served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of
497 the United States and has been declared by the United States [Veterans'
498 Administration] Department of Veterans Affairs or its successors to
499 have a service-connected disability from paraplegia or osteochondritis
500 resulting in permanent loss of the use of both legs or permanent
501 paralysis of both legs and lower parts of the body; or from hemiplegia
502 and has permanent paralysis of one leg and one arm or either side of
503 the body resulting from injury to the spinal cord, skeletal structure or
504 brain or from disease of the spinal cord not resulting from any form of
505 syphilis; or from total blindness as defined in section 12-92; or from the
506 amputation of both arms, both legs, both hands or both feet, or the
507 combination of a hand and a foot; sustained through enemy action, or
508 resulting from accident occurring or disease contracted in such active
509 service. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to include
510 paraplegia or hemiplegia resulting from locomotor ataxia or other
511 forms of syphilis of the central nervous system, or from chronic
512 alcoholism, or to include other forms of disease resulting from the

513 veteran's own misconduct which may produce signs and symptoms
514 similar to those resulting from paraplegia, osteochondritis or
515 hemiplegia. The loss of the use of one arm or one leg because of service
516 related injuries specified in this subdivision shall qualify a veteran for
517 a property tax exemption in the same manner as hereinabove,
518 provided such exemption shall be for five thousand dollars;

519 (B) The exemption provided for in this subdivision shall be in
520 addition to any other exemption of such person's real and personal
521 property allowed by law, but no taxpayer shall be allowed more than
522 one exemption under this subdivision. No person shall be entitled to
523 receive any exemption under this subdivision until such person has
524 satisfied the requirements of subdivision (20) of this section. The
525 surviving spouse of any such person who at the time of such person's
526 death was entitled to and had the exemption provided under this
527 subdivision shall be entitled to the same exemption, (i) while such
528 spouse remains a widow or widower, or (ii) upon the termination of
529 any subsequent marriage of such spouse by dissolution, annulment or
530 death and while a resident of this state, for the time that such person is
531 the legal owner of and actually occupies a dwelling house and
532 premises intended to be exempted hereunder. When the property
533 which is the subject of the claim for exemption provided for in this
534 subdivision is greater than a single family house, the assessor shall
535 aggregate the assessment on the lot and building and allow an
536 exemption of that percentage of the aggregate assessment which the
537 value of the portion of the building occupied by the claimant bears to
538 the value of the entire building;

539 (C) Subject to the approval of the legislative body of the
540 municipality, the dwelling house and the lot whereupon the same is
541 erected, belonging to or held in trust for any citizen and resident of this
542 state, occupied as such person's domicile shall be fully exempt from
543 local property taxation, if such person is a veteran who served in the
544 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United
545 States and has received financial assistance for specially adapted
546 housing under the provisions of Section 801 of Title 38 of the United

547 States Code, as amended from time to time, and has applied such
548 assistance toward the acquisition or modification of such dwelling
549 house. The same exemption may also be allowed on such housing
550 units owned by the surviving spouse of such veteran (i) while such
551 spouse remains a widow or widower, or (ii) upon the termination of
552 any subsequent marriage of such spouse by dissolution, annulment or
553 death, or by such veteran and spouse while occupying such premises
554 as a residence;

555 Sec. 24. Subdivision (24) of section 12-81 of the 2018 supplement to
556 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
557 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

558 (24) The exemption from taxation granted by subdivision (22) of this
559 section, to the amount of three thousand dollars allowable to the
560 widow or widower or minor child or both of a veteran whose death
561 was due to service and occurred on active duty shall be granted to any
562 widow or widower drawing compensation from the [Veterans'
563 Administration] United States Department of Veterans Affairs, upon
564 verification of such fact by letter from [the Veterans' Administration]
565 said department;

566 Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 14-21d of the general statutes is
567 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
568 *October 1, 2018*):

569 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any
570 member or former member of the armed forces, as defined in section
571 27-103, as amended by this act, who is a former prisoner of war, shall
572 register, without charge, any passenger motor vehicle, camper or
573 passenger and commercial motor vehicle owned or leased by such
574 person, provided no more than two such registrations may be issued
575 to any such person. The commissioner shall issue a special certificate of
576 registration and a number plate or set of number plates in accordance
577 with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-21b for each such
578 vehicle. Each application for such special registration and number
579 plate shall be accompanied by proof from [the Veterans'

580 Administration of] the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
581 that such person is a former prisoner of war. The surviving spouse of a
582 former prisoner of war issued such special registration may retain any
583 such registration and number plates without charge for his or her
584 lifetime or until such time as he or she remarries.

585 Sec. 26. Section 14-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the
586 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

587 "Disabled veteran", as used in this section, means any veteran who
588 served in time of war, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as amended by
589 this act, and one or both of whose legs or arms or parts thereof have
590 been amputated or the use of which has been lost or who is blind, or
591 who have traumatic brain injury, or paraplegic or hemiplegic, such
592 disability being certified as service-connected by the [Veterans'
593 Administration] United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The
594 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, upon application of any disabled
595 veteran accompanied by such certificate of the [Veterans'
596 Administration] United States Department of Veterans Affairs, shall
597 issue without charge a special number plate or set of plates in
598 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-21b to be
599 attached to a passenger motor vehicle owned or operated by such
600 veteran and an identification card to be used in connection therewith.
601 The card shall identify the veteran and the motor vehicle and shall
602 state that such veteran is a disabled veteran qualified to receive the
603 card, that the card, plate or plates shall be returned to the
604 commissioner if the registration of the motor vehicle is cancelled or
605 transferred, that the card is for the exclusive use of the person to whom
606 it is issued, is not transferable and will be revoked if presented by any
607 other person or if any privilege granted under this section is abused. If
608 not so revoked, the card shall be renewable every four years at the
609 time of registration of motor vehicles. No penalty shall be imposed for
610 the overtime parking of any motor vehicle bearing a number plate
611 issued under this section when it has been so parked by the disabled
612 veteran to whom the plate and an identification card were issued or by
613 any person operating such vehicle when accompanied by such veteran,

614 provided the length of time for which such vehicle may remain parked
615 at any one location shall not exceed twenty-four hours. The surviving
616 spouse of a disabled veteran issued such special registration may
617 retain any such registration and number plates without charge for his
618 or her lifetime or until such time as he or she remarries.

619 Sec. 27. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c of the
620 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
621 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

622 (3) As used in this section, (A) "household income" means the
623 combined income over a twelve-month period of the customer and all
624 adults, except children of the customer, who are and have been
625 members of the household for six months or more, and (B) "hardship
626 case" includes, but is not limited to: (i) A customer receiving local, state
627 or federal public assistance; (ii) a customer whose sole source of
628 financial support is Social Security, [Veterans' Administration] United
629 States Department of Veterans Affairs or unemployment compensation
630 benefits; (iii) a customer who is head of the household and is
631 unemployed, and the household income is less than three hundred per
632 cent of the poverty level determined by the federal government; (iv) a
633 customer who is seriously ill or who has a household member who is
634 seriously ill; (v) a customer whose income falls below one hundred
635 twenty-five per cent of the poverty level determined by the federal
636 government; and (vi) a customer whose circumstances threaten a
637 deprivation of food and the necessities of life for himself or dependent
638 children if payment of a delinquent bill is required.

639 Sec. 28. Subsection (b) of section 16a-22m of the general statutes is
640 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
641 *October 1, 2018*):

642 (b) As used in this section, (1) "eligible residential propane
643 customer" means a residential propane customer (A) who receives
644 local, state or federal public assistance, (B) whose sole source of
645 financial support is Social Security, [Veterans' Administration] United
646 States Department of Veterans Affairs or unemployment compensation

647 benefits, (C) who is head of the household and is unemployed, and the
648 household income is less than three hundred per cent of the poverty
649 level determined by the federal government, (D) who is seriously ill or
650 who has a household member who is seriously ill, (E) whose income
651 falls below two hundred per cent of the poverty level determined by
652 the federal government, or (F) whose circumstances threaten a
653 deprivation of food and the necessities of life for himself or dependent
654 children if payment of a delinquent bill is required; and (2) "household
655 income" means the combined income over a twelve-month period of
656 the customer and all adults, except children of the customer, who are
657 and have been members of the household for six months, or more.

658 Sec. 29. Subsection (k) of section 17b-261 of the 2018 supplement to
659 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
660 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

661 (k) A veteran, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act,
662 and any member of his or her family, who applies for or receives
663 assistance under the Medicaid program, shall apply for all benefits for
664 which he or she may be eligible through the [Veterans'
665 Administration] United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the
666 United States Department of Defense.

667 Sec. 30. Section 26-29 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes
668 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
669 *October 1, 2018*):

670 No fee shall be charged for any sport fishing license issued under
671 this chapter to any person who is blind, and such license shall be a
672 lifetime license not subject to the expiration provisions of section 26-35.
673 Proof of such blindness shall be furnished, in the case of a veteran, by
674 the United States [Veterans' Administration] Department of Veterans
675 Affairs and, in the case of any other person, by the Department of
676 Rehabilitation Services. For the purpose of this section, a person shall
677 be blind only if his or her central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200
678 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his or her visual acuity is
679 greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of

680 vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an
681 angle no greater than twenty degrees.

682 Sec. 31. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is
683 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
684 *October 1, 2018*):

685 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as
686 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,
687 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve
688 component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard
689 performing duty as provided in Title 32 of the United States Code, as
690 amended from time to time; (2) "veteran" means any person honorably
691 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active
692 service in, the armed forces; (3) "service in time of war" means service
693 of ninety or more cumulative days except, if the period of war lasted
694 less than ninety days, "service in time of war" means service for the
695 entire period of war, unless separated from service earlier because of a
696 service-connected disability rated by the [Veterans' Administration]
697 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, during a period of war;
698 and (4) "period of war" has the same meaning as provided in 38 USC
699 101, as amended from time to time, except that the "Vietnam Era"
700 means the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on July
701 1, 1975, in all cases; and "period of war" shall include service while
702 engaged in combat or a combat support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958,
703 to November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984;
704 Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest
705 Will, involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United
706 States flag in the Persian Gulf, July 24, 1987, to August 1, 1990; and
707 Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall include
708 service during such periods with the armed forces of any government
709 associated with the United States.

710 Sec. 32. Section 27-110 of the general statutes is repealed and the
711 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

712 (a) When it appears that any veteran is eligible for treatment in a

713 [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of Veterans
714 Affairs facility, and commitment is necessary for the care and
715 treatment of such veteran, the [court of probate of] Probate Court for
716 the district in which the veteran is found may, upon receipt of a
717 certificate of eligibility from the [Veterans' Administration] United
718 States Department of Veterans Affairs, and if the veteran is adjudged
719 mentally ill in accordance with law, direct such veteran's commitment
720 to the [Veterans' Administration] department for hospitalization in a
721 [Veterans' Administration] department facility. Thereafter such
722 veteran, upon admission to any such facility, shall be subject to the
723 rules and regulations of the [Veterans' Administration] department
724 and the chief officer of such facility shall be vested with the same
725 powers as are exercised by superintendents of state hospitals for
726 mental illness within this state with reference to the retention, transfer
727 or parole of the veteran so committed. Notice of such pending
728 commitment proceedings shall be furnished the person to be
729 committed and his or her right to appear and defend shall not be
730 denied. Any court of probate may order the discharge of such veteran,
731 upon application and satisfactory proof that such veteran has been
732 restored to reason. The commitment of a veteran to the [Veterans'
733 Administration] United States Department of Veterans Affairs or other
734 agency of the United States government by a court of another state or
735 of the District of Columbia, under a similar provision of law, shall have
736 the same force and effect as if such commitment were made by a court
737 of this state.

738 (b) Upon receipt of a certificate of the [Veterans' Administration]
739 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any other agency of
740 the United States that facilities are available for the care or treatment of
741 any veteran committed to any hospital for mental illness or other
742 institution for the care or treatment of persons similarly afflicted and
743 that such veteran is eligible for care or treatment, the superintendent of
744 such hospital or institution may cause the transfer of such person to
745 the [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of Veterans
746 Affairs or other agency of the United States for care or treatment. Upon
747 effecting any such transfer, the committing court or proper officer

748 thereof shall be notified of such transfer by the transferring agency. No
749 person shall be transferred to the [Veterans' Administration] United
750 States Department of Veterans Affairs or other agency of the United
751 States if he or she is confined pursuant to conviction of any felony or
752 misdemeanor or if he or she has been acquitted of such a charge solely
753 on the ground of insanity, unless prior to transfer the court or other
754 authority originally committing such person enters an order for such
755 transfer after appropriate motion and hearing. Any person transferred
756 as provided in this section shall be deemed to be committed to the
757 [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of Veterans
758 Affairs or other agency of the United States pursuant to the original
759 commitment.

760 Sec. 33. Section 27-129 of the general statutes is repealed and the
761 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

762 When an application is filed for the appointment of a conservator
763 for an incompetent veteran, a certificate of the [Administrator of
764 Veterans' Affairs of the United States or his] United States Secretary of
765 Veterans Affairs or the Secretary's authorized representative that such
766 person has been rated incompetent by the [Veterans' Administration]
767 United States Department of Veterans Affairs on examination in
768 accordance with the laws and regulations governing [such Veterans'
769 Administration] the department and that appointment of a conservator
770 is a condition precedent to the payment of any moneys due such
771 veteran by the [Veterans' Administration] department shall be prima
772 facie evidence of the necessity for such appointment.

773 Sec. 34. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 31-3uu of the
774 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
775 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

776 (5) "New employee" means a person who (A) was unemployed prior
777 to employment with an eligible business, regardless of whether such
778 person collected unemployment compensation benefits as a result of
779 such unemployment, and (B) was a member of the armed forces and
780 was honorably discharged after not less than ninety days of service,

781 unless such person was separated from service earlier because of a
782 service-connected disability rated by the [Veterans' Administration]
783 United States Department of Veterans Affairs. "New employee" does
784 not include a person who was employed in this state by a related
785 person of such eligible business during any of the twelve months prior
786 to employment with the eligible business;

787 Sec. 35. Subdivision (2) of section 36a-615 of the general statutes is
788 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
789 *October 1, 2018*):

790 (2) "Loan broker" means any person who: (A) For or in expectation
791 of a fee (i) arranges, negotiates, places, solicits or finds an unsecured
792 loan; (ii) assists or advises a person in obtaining an unsecured loan; or
793 (iii) offers or attempts to engage in the activities described in
794 subparagraph (i) or (ii) of this subdivision; (B) acts for or on behalf of a
795 loan broker; (C) holds himself out to the public generally as a person
796 engaging in the activities described in subdivision (A) of this
797 subsection. A principal, officer, director, partner, joint venturer,
798 manager or other person with similar supervisory or managerial
799 responsibility for persons engaging in the activities described in
800 subdivisions (A) to (C), inclusive, of this subsection shall be deemed to
801 be a loan broker. "Loan broker" shall not include any bank, out-of-state
802 bank, Connecticut credit union, federal credit union, out-of-state credit
803 union, small loan licensee, nondepository mortgage lender, mortgage
804 correspondent lender or mortgage broker, sales finance company,
805 securities broker-dealer or investment adviser, investment company as
806 defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from
807 time to time, forwarder of money, trustee under a mortgage or deed of
808 trust of real property, corporation exercising fiduciary powers, money
809 order and travelers check licensee, check cashing licensee, real estate
810 broker or agent, attorney, Federal Housing Authority or [Veterans'
811 Administration] United States Department of Veterans Affairs
812 approved lender, or insurance company; provided any such person or
813 entity so excluded is licensed by and subject to the regulation and
814 supervision of the appropriate regulatory agency of the United States

815 or this state or any other state and is acting within the scope of the
816 license.

817 Sec. 36. Section 45a-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
818 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

819 When a copy of any probate record is required by the [Veterans'
820 Administration] United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be
821 used in determining the eligibility of any person to participate in
822 benefits made available by the [Veterans' Administration] department,
823 the official charged with the custody of such public record shall,
824 without charge, provide the applicant for such benefits, or any person
825 acting on [his] the applicant's behalf, or the authorized representative
826 of the [Veterans' Administration] department, with a certified copy of
827 such record.

828 Sec. 37. Section 45a-593 of the general statutes is repealed and the
829 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

830 (a) The [Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, created by Act of the
831 Congress of the United States, or the administrator's] United States
832 Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary's successor, shall be a
833 party in interest in any proceedings brought under any provision of
834 the general statutes for the appointment of a guardian or conservator
835 of a veteran of any war or other beneficiary on whose account benefits
836 of compensation, adjusted compensation, pension or insurance or
837 other benefits are payable by the [Veterans' Administration] United
838 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

839 (b) The [Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, or the administrator's]
840 United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary's successor,
841 shall be an interested party in the administration of the estate of any
842 ward or conserved person on whose account the benefits are payable
843 or whose estate includes assets derived from benefits paid by the
844 [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of Veterans
845 Affairs, its predecessor or successor.

846 (c) Written notice shall be given by regular mail, unless waived in
847 writing, to the division of the office of the [Veterans' Administration]
848 United States Department of Veterans Affairs having jurisdiction over
849 the area in which the court is located, of the time and place for a
850 hearing on any petition or pleading or in connection with any
851 proceeding pertaining to or affecting in any manner the administration
852 of the estate of any beneficiary of the [Veterans' Administration]
853 department. Notice shall be mailed in time to reach such office not less
854 than ten days before the date of the hearing or other proceeding.

855 Sec. 38. Subsection (b) of section 45a-594 of the general statutes is
856 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
857 *October 1, 2018*):

858 (b) Compensation payable to the conservator or guardian of any
859 veteran or other beneficiary of the [Veterans' Administration] United
860 States Department of Veterans Affairs for administering moneys paid
861 by the United States through the [Veterans' Administration]
862 department, or revenue or profit from any property wholly or partially
863 acquired therewith, shall be based upon services rendered and shall
864 not exceed five per cent of the amount of moneys received during the
865 period covered by the account. If extraordinary services are rendered
866 by any conservator or guardian, the Court of Probate, upon petition
867 and hearing, may authorize reasonable additional compensation. A
868 copy of the petition and notice of hearing shall be given to the proper
869 office of the [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of
870 Veterans Affairs in the manner provided for hearing on other petitions
871 or pleadings filed by such conservators or guardians. No commission
872 or compensation shall be allowed on the moneys or other assets
873 received from a prior guardian nor upon the amount received from
874 liquidation of loans or other investments.

875 Sec. 39. Subsection (a) of section 49-31i of the general statutes is
876 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
877 *October 1, 2018*):

878 (a) In determining the restructured mortgage debt, the court shall

879 add the following to the existing principal balance of the mortgage
880 debt: (1) All interest then due the lender and any interest that will be
881 earned to the end of any restructuring period, including interest on
882 any payments advanced by the lender during the restructuring period,
883 such interest to be computed at the rate provided in the mortgage note,
884 (2) real property taxes, (3) premiums for Federal Housing
885 Administration, [Veterans' Administration] United States Department
886 of Veterans Affairs and private mortgage insurance, and (4) court
887 costs, legal fees and any other sums the court determines to be due
888 under the terms of the mortgage indebtedness by the court. The court
889 shall then apply the composite interest rate as provided in subsection
890 (c) of this section to such total restructured debt over the remaining
891 term of the loan.

892 Sec. 40. Subsection (b) of section 51-49h of the general statutes is
893 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
894 *October 1, 2018*):

895 (b) Any such judge, any family support magistrate or any
896 compensation commissioner who is a veteran may receive credit for
897 retirement purposes for military service, if such judge, family support
898 magistrate or compensation commissioner makes retirement
899 contributions for each month of military service equal to one-twelfth of
900 five per cent of his first year's salary as a judge, family support
901 magistrate or compensation commissioner multiplied by the total
902 number of months of such military service, except that (1) no
903 retirement contribution shall be made for service as a prisoner of war,
904 and (2) no credit shall be allowed for military service to any such
905 judge, family support magistrate or compensation commissioner who
906 has served less than ten years as a judge, family support magistrate or
907 compensation commissioner, nor for more than fifty per cent of such
908 military service or three years, whichever is less. Service credit for
909 military service for retirement purposes other than service as a
910 prisoner of war shall not be granted until payment of contributions is
911 completed. Any application for military service credit under this
912 section for service as a prisoner of war shall be accompanied by

913 sufficient proof from [the Veterans' Administration of] the United
914 States Department of Veterans Affairs that such judge, family support
915 magistrate or compensation commissioner is a former prisoner of war.

916 Sec. 41. Subsection (c) of section 27-102q of the general statutes is
917 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
918 *October 1, 2018*):

919 (c) To the extent practicable, the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans
920 Affairs shall (1) provide information on its Internet web site regarding
921 legal services organizations that assist veterans in military discharge
922 upgrades, including, but not limited to, links to such organizations'
923 Internet web sites, and (2) provide printed resources concerning
924 methods for obtaining military discharge upgrades, which are created
925 by such legal services organizations, to veterans at the department's
926 offices and facilities and disseminate such resources to local veterans'
927 advisory committees, as described in section 27-135, as amended by
928 this act.

929 Sec. 42. Section 27-115b of the general statutes is repealed and the
930 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

931 Eligible family members may participate in a program or service
932 administered by the Department of [Veterans'] Veterans Affairs, in
933 accordance with the regulations and procedures adopted for the
934 operation, administration and management of such program or
935 service.

936 Sec. 43. Subsection (a) of section 12-81jj of the 2018 supplement to
937 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
938 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018, and applicable to assessment years*
939 *commencing on or after October 1, 2018*):

940 (a) Any municipality, upon approval by its legislative body, may
941 provide that any veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103,
942 as amended by this act, which veteran is a resident of such
943 municipality and ineligible for an exemption from property tax under

944 subdivisions (19) to (21), inclusive, of section 12-81, as amended by this
945 act, shall be entitled to an exemption from property tax, provided such
946 veteran's qualifying income does not exceed (1) the applicable
947 maximum amount [applicable to an unmarried person,] as provided
948 under section 12-81l, or (2) an amount established by the municipality,
949 not exceeding the maximum amount under section 12-81l by more
950 than twenty-five thousand dollars. The exemption provided for under
951 this section shall be applied to the assessed value of any such veteran's
952 property and, at the municipality's option, may be in an amount up to
953 five thousand dollars or in an amount up to five per cent of such
954 assessed value.

955 Sec. 44. Section 46a-70 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes
956 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
957 *October 1, 2018*):

958 (a) State officials and supervisory personnel shall recruit, appoint,
959 assign, train, evaluate and promote state personnel on the basis of
960 merit and qualifications, without regard for race, color, religious creed,
961 sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age, national origin,
962 ancestry, status as a veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability,
963 learning disability [,] or physical disability, including, but not limited
964 to, blindness, [or status as a veteran] unless it is shown by such state
965 officials or supervisory personnel that such disability prevents
966 performance of the work involved.

967 (b) All state agencies shall promulgate written directives to carry
968 out this policy and to guarantee equal employment opportunities at all
969 levels of state government. They shall regularly review their personnel
970 practices to [assure] ensure compliance.

971 (c) All state agencies shall conduct continuing orientation and
972 training programs with emphasis on human relations and
973 nondiscriminatory employment practices.

974 (d) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall [insure]
975 ensure that the entire examination process, including qualifications

976 appraisal, is free from bias.

977 (e) Appointing authorities shall exercise care to [insure] ensure
978 utilization of minority group persons.

979 Sec. 45. Subsection (b) of section 46a-72 of the 2018 supplement to
980 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
981 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

982 (b) Any job request indicating an intention to exclude any person
983 because of race, color, religious creed, sex, gender identity or
984 expression, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, status as a
985 veteran, intellectual disability, mental disability, learning disability []
986 or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, [or
987 status as a veteran] shall be rejected, unless it is shown by such public
988 or private employers that such disability prevents performance of the
989 work involved.

990 Sec. 46. Section 46a-73 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes
991 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
992 *October 1, 2018*):

993 (a) No state department, board or agency may grant, deny or revoke
994 the license or charter of any person on the grounds of race, color,
995 religious creed, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age,
996 national origin, ancestry, status as a veteran, intellectual disability,
997 mental disability, learning disability [] or physical disability,
998 including, but not limited to, blindness, [or status as a veteran,] unless
999 it is shown by such state department, board or agency that such
1000 disability prevents performance of the work involved.

1001 (b) Each state agency shall take such appropriate action in the
1002 exercise of its licensing or regulatory power as will [assure] ensure
1003 equal treatment of all persons and eliminate discrimination and
1004 enforce compliance with the policy of sections 46a-70 to 46a-78,
1005 inclusive, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-108(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	3-38
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	5-173(c)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	5-180(b)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	7-461
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	10-97(c)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	10-156c
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	10-183o
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	14-23
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-76
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-136
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	46b-44(d)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	52-152(a)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	52-571aa
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	53a-179a(a)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	3-62b(5)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	4a-82(a)(1)
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	5-224
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	7-313c(b)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	7-415
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	7-436b(b)
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	10a-166(a)
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	12-81(20) and (21)
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	12-81(24)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	14-21d(a)
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	14-254
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	16-262c(b)(3)
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	16a-22m(b)
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	17b-261(k)
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	26-29
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-103(a)
Sec. 32	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-110
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-129
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	31-3uu(a)(5)
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	36a-615(2)
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	45a-12
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	45a-593
Sec. 38	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	45a-594(b)

Sec. 39	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	49-31i(a)
Sec. 40	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	51-49h(b)
Sec. 41	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-102q(c)
Sec. 42	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	27-115b
Sec. 43	<i>October 1, 2018, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2018</i>	12-81jj(a)
Sec. 44	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	46a-70
Sec. 45	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	46a-72(b)
Sec. 46	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	46a-73

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 3, "required minimum of twenty [years] years' service" was changed to "[required minimum of twenty years service] minimum service requirement of twenty years" for consistency.

VA *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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

This bill makes technical changes to the military and veterans' affairs statutes and results in no fiscal impact to the state.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 231*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill makes conforming and technical changes in the armed forces and veterans statutes.

The bill also makes a minor change to clarify the income limit that makes a veteran eligible for the additional optional municipal veteran's property tax exemption. Under current law, the qualifying income is (1) a certain amount set by the municipality or (2) the maximum amount under the uniform income requirements for property tax exemptions that apply to unmarried individuals. The bill clarifies the qualifying income tied to the uniform income requirements by incorporating the maximum applicable amount for married joint filers.

By law, municipalities, with their legislative body's approval, may provide an optional municipal veteran's property tax exemption to certain veterans who do not qualify for existing veteran property tax exemptions (i.e., wartime, disabled, and severe service-related exemptions). A municipality may exempt up to \$5,000 or up to 5% of the property's assessed value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018, except the provision on the uniform income requirements for property tax exemption is also applicable to assessment years starting on or after October 1, 2018.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/14/2018)