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Introduced by:
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***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2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof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 Section 3-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the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] years' service; and any such
60 person may be granted credit for any such war service prior to such
61 employment upon payment of contributions and interest computed in
62 accordance with subsection (b) of section 5-180, as amended by this act,
63 but such service shall not be counted toward the minimum service
64 requirement of twenty years.

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66 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

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

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

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

109 Each officer and employee of any town, city or borough who is a
110 member of the reserve corps of any branch of the armed forces of the
111 United States, as defined [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this act,
112 shall be entitled to absent himself from his duties or services while

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

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

130 (c) Any local or regional board of education which transports
131 students to a state or state-approved technical education and career
132 school, or school furnishing agricultural science and technology
133 education shall be reimbursed for a portion of such pupil
134 transportation annually in accordance with the provisions of section
135 10-266m, and the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section
136 relating to reimbursement percentages, provided the reimbursement
137 for transportation costs to a school furnishing vocational agricultural
138 training shall not exceed an amount equal to such reimbursement of
139 the costs of transporting such pupils to the school furnishing a full
140 program of vocational agricultural training nearest to the sending
141 school district at the time of the pupil's initial enrollment in the
142 program. Application for such reimbursement shall be made by the
143 board of education to the State Board of Education at such time and in
144 such manner as said state board prescribes. The provisions of this
145 section shall apply to a veteran who served in time of war, as defined
146 [by] in section 27-103, as amended by this act, without regard to age or

147 whether or not such veteran resides with a parent or guardian
148 provided such veteran is attending a state or state-approved vocational
149 secondary school.

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

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

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

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

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

175 The commissioner may make application to the Comptroller for a
176 refund when any person surrenders his or her registration or number
177 plate or plates on any noncommercial motor vehicle and is inducted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

272 (5) Sections 3-62b to 3-62g, inclusive, are applicable to all funds or

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

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

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

305 Sec. 18. Section 5-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the

306 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

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

338 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 7-313c of the general statutes is
339 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

340 *October 1, 2018*):

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

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

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

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

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

372 United States Department of Veterans Affairs that he is a former
373 prisoner of war. Any municipal employer which pays the
374 contributions required under this subsection for a member who later
375 receives a retirement allowance for permanent and total disability
376 under this part shall, upon its written request, be refunded all such
377 contributions paid under this subsection, provided such military
378 service credit did not serve to increase the amount of disability
379 retirement benefits for which the member was eligible.

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

383 (a) Any child between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three,
384 inclusive, of any person who served in the armed forces in time of war,
385 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act,
386 and who was killed in action or who died as a result of accident or
387 illness sustained while performing active military duty with the armed
388 forces of the United States or who has been rated totally and
389 permanently disabled by [the Veterans' Administration of] the United
390 States Department of Veterans Affairs, or who is missing in action in
391 Vietnam, if such person was a resident of this state at the time of his
392 induction or reenlistment, shall receive, upon application to and
393 approval of such application therefor by the Board of Regents for
394 Higher Education, state aid for tuition, matriculation fees, board, room
395 rent, books and supplies for such child attending any of the following-
396 named institutions approved by said board: An educational or training
397 institution of college grade or any other institution of higher learning
398 or commercial training, a state college, a technical education and career
399 school or technical institute or any accredited military preparatory
400 school if such beneficiary is preparing to enter the United States
401 Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy at
402 Annapolis, the United States Coast Guard Academy at New London or
403 the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. The
404 application submitted to the Board of Regents for Higher Education
405 shall include an affidavit signed by the applicant which states that the

406 applicant has not applied for and will not apply for or receive state aid
407 from another state which is similar to that provided for in this section.
408 Such grant may be used for the matriculation fees of any such
409 beneficiary at any of said United States government academies. Such
410 aid shall be based on need and shall not exceed four hundred dollars
411 per year for each beneficiary and shall be paid to such institution on
412 vouchers approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

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

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

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

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

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

509 paraplegia or hemiplegia resulting from locomotor ataxia or other
510 forms of syphilis of the central nervous system, or from chronic
511 alcoholism, or to include other forms of disease resulting from the
512 veteran's own misconduct which may produce signs and symptoms
513 similar to those resulting from paraplegia, osteochondritis or
514 hemiplegia. The loss of the use of one arm or one leg because of service
515 related injuries specified in this subdivision shall qualify a veteran for
516 a property tax exemption in the same manner as hereinabove,
517 provided such exemption shall be for five thousand dollars;

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

538 (C) Subject to the approval of the legislative body of the
539 municipality, the dwelling house and the lot whereupon the same is
540 erected, belonging to or held in trust for any citizen and resident of this
541 state, occupied as such person's domicile shall be fully exempt from
542 local property taxation, if such person is a veteran who served in the

543 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United
544 States and has received financial assistance for specially adapted
545 housing under the provisions of Section 801 of Title 38 of the United
546 States Code, as amended from time to time, and has applied such
547 assistance toward the acquisition or modification of such dwelling
548 house. The same exemption may also be allowed on such housing
549 units owned by the surviving spouse of such veteran (i) while such
550 spouse remains a widow or widower, or (ii) upon the termination of
551 any subsequent marriage of such spouse by dissolution, annulment or
552 death, or by such veteran and spouse while occupying such premises
553 as a residence;

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

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

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

568 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any
569 member or former member of the armed forces, as defined in section
570 27-103, as amended by this act, who is a former prisoner of war, shall
571 register, without charge, any passenger motor vehicle, camper or
572 passenger and commercial motor vehicle owned or leased by such
573 person, provided no more than two such registrations may be issued
574 to any such person. The commissioner shall issue a special certificate of

575 registration and a number plate or set of number plates in accordance
576 with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-21b for each such
577 vehicle. Each application for such special registration and number
578 plate shall be accompanied by proof from [the Veterans'
579 Administration of] the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
580 that such person is a former prisoner of war. The surviving spouse of a
581 former prisoner of war issued such special registration may retain any
582 such registration and number plates without charge for his or her
583 lifetime or until such time as he or she remarries.

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

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

609 the overtime parking of any motor vehicle bearing a number plate
610 issued under this section when it has been so parked by the disabled
611 veteran to whom the plate and an identification card were issued or by
612 any person operating such vehicle when accompanied by such veteran,
613 provided the length of time for which such vehicle may remain parked
614 at any one location shall not exceed twenty-four hours. The surviving
615 spouse of a disabled veteran issued such special registration may
616 retain any such registration and number plates without charge for his
617 or her lifetime or until such time as he or she remarries.

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

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

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

641 (b) As used in this section, (1) "eligible residential propane
642 customer" means a residential propane customer (A) who receives
643 local, state or federal public assistance, (B) whose sole source of
644 financial support is Social Security, [Veterans' Administration] United
645 States Department of Veterans Affairs or unemployment compensation
646 benefits, (C) who is head of the household and is unemployed, and the
647 household income is less than three hundred per cent of the poverty
648 level determined by the federal government, (D) who is seriously ill or
649 who has a household member who is seriously ill, (E) whose income
650 falls below two hundred per cent of the poverty level determined by
651 the federal government, or (F) whose circumstances threaten a
652 deprivation of food and the necessities of life for himself or dependent
653 children if payment of a delinquent bill is required; and (2) "household
654 income" means the combined income over a twelve-month period of
655 the customer and all adults, except children of the customer, who are
656 and have been members of the household for six months, or more.

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

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

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

669 No fee shall be charged for any sport fishing license issued under
670 this chapter to any person who is blind, and such license shall be a
671 lifetime license not subject to the expiration provisions of section 26-35.
672 Proof of such blindness shall be furnished, in the case of a veteran, by

673 the United States [Veterans' Administration] Department of Veterans
674 Affairs and, in the case of any other person, by the Department of
675 Rehabilitation Services. For the purpose of this section, a person shall
676 be blind only if his or her central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200
677 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his or her visual acuity is
678 greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of
679 vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an
680 angle no greater than twenty degrees.

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

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

707 service during such periods with the armed forces of any government
708 associated with the United States.

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

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

737 (b) Upon receipt of a certificate of the [Veterans' Administration]
738 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any other agency of
739 the United States that facilities are available for the care or treatment of

740 any veteran committed to any hospital for mental illness or other
741 institution for the care or treatment of persons similarly afflicted and
742 that such veteran is eligible for care or treatment, the superintendent of
743 such hospital or institution may cause the transfer of such person to
744 the [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of Veterans
745 Affairs or other agency of the United States for care or treatment. Upon
746 effecting any such transfer, the committing court or proper officer
747 thereof shall be notified of such transfer by the transferring agency. No
748 person shall be transferred to the [Veterans' Administration] United
749 States Department of Veterans Affairs or other agency of the United
750 States if he or she is confined pursuant to conviction of any felony or
751 misdemeanor or if he or she has been acquitted of such a charge solely
752 on the ground of insanity, unless prior to transfer the court or other
753 authority originally committing such person enters an order for such
754 transfer after appropriate motion and hearing. Any person transferred
755 as provided in this section shall be deemed to be committed to the
756 [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of Veterans
757 Affairs or other agency of the United States pursuant to the original
758 commitment.

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

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

772 Sec. 34. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 31-3uu of the

773 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
774 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

775 (5) "New employee" means a person who (A) was unemployed prior
776 to employment with an eligible business, regardless of whether such
777 person collected unemployment compensation benefits as a result of
778 such unemployment, and (B) was a member of the armed forces and
779 was honorably discharged after not less than ninety days of service,
780 unless such person was separated from service earlier because of a
781 service-connected disability rated by the [Veterans' Administration]
782 United States Department of Veterans Affairs. "New employee" does
783 not include a person who was employed in this state by a related
784 person of such eligible business during any of the twelve months prior
785 to employment with the eligible business;

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

789 (2) "Loan broker" means any person who: (A) For or in expectation
790 of a fee (i) arranges, negotiates, places, solicits or finds an unsecured
791 loan; (ii) assists or advises a person in obtaining an unsecured loan; or
792 (iii) offers or attempts to engage in the activities described in
793 subparagraph (i) or (ii) of this subdivision; (B) acts for or on behalf of a
794 loan broker; (C) holds himself out to the public generally as a person
795 engaging in the activities described in subdivision (A) of this
796 subsection. A principal, officer, director, partner, joint venturer,
797 manager or other person with similar supervisory or managerial
798 responsibility for persons engaging in the activities described in
799 subdivisions (A) to (C), inclusive, of this subsection shall be deemed to
800 be a loan broker. "Loan broker" shall not include any bank, out-of-state
801 bank, Connecticut credit union, federal credit union, out-of-state credit
802 union, small loan licensee, nondepository mortgage lender, mortgage
803 correspondent lender or mortgage broker, sales finance company,
804 securities broker-dealer or investment adviser, investment company as
805 defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from

806 time to time, forwarder of money, trustee under a mortgage or deed of
807 trust of real property, corporation exercising fiduciary powers, money
808 order and travelers check licensee, check cashing licensee, real estate
809 broker or agent, attorney, Federal Housing Authority or [Veterans'
810 Administration] United States Department of Veterans Affairs
811 approved lender, or insurance company; provided any such person or
812 entity so excluded is licensed by and subject to the regulation and
813 supervision of the appropriate regulatory agency of the United States
814 or this state or any other state and is acting within the scope of the
815 license.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

857 (b) Compensation payable to the conservator or guardian of any
858 veteran or other beneficiary of the [Veterans' Administration] United
859 States Department of Veterans Affairs for administering moneys paid
860 by the United States through the [Veterans' Administration]
861 department, or revenue or profit from any property wholly or partially
862 acquired therewith, shall be based upon services rendered and shall
863 not exceed five per cent of the amount of moneys received during the
864 period covered by the account. If extraordinary services are rendered
865 by any conservator or guardian, the Court of Probate, upon petition
866 and hearing, may authorize reasonable additional compensation. A
867 copy of the petition and notice of hearing shall be given to the proper
868 office of the [Veterans' Administration] United States Department of
869 Veterans Affairs in the manner provided for hearing on other petitions
870 or pleadings filed by such conservators or guardians. No commission

871 or compensation shall be allowed on the moneys or other assets
872 received from a prior guardian nor upon the amount received from
873 liquidation of loans or other investments.

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

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

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

894 (b) Any such judge, any family support magistrate or any
895 compensation commissioner who is a veteran may receive credit for
896 retirement purposes for military service, if such judge, family support
897 magistrate or compensation commissioner makes retirement
898 contributions for each month of military service equal to one-twelfth of
899 five per cent of his first year's salary as a judge, family support
900 magistrate or compensation commissioner multiplied by the total
901 number of months of such military service, except that (1) no
902 retirement contribution shall be made for service as a prisoner of war,

903 and (2) no credit shall be allowed for military service to any such
904 judge, family support magistrate or compensation commissioner who
905 has served less than ten years as a judge, family support magistrate or
906 compensation commissioner, nor for more than fifty per cent of such
907 military service or three years, whichever is less. Service credit for
908 military service for retirement purposes other than service as a
909 prisoner of war shall not be granted until payment of contributions is
910 completed. Any application for military service credit under this
911 section for service as a prisoner of war shall be accompanied by
912 sufficient proof from [the Veterans' Administration of] the United
913 States Department of Veterans Affairs that such judge, family support
914 magistrate or compensation commissioner is a former prisoner of war.

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

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

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

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

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

939 (a) Any municipality, upon approval by its legislative body, may
940 provide that any veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103,
941 as amended by this act, which veteran is a resident of such
942 municipality and ineligible for an exemption from property tax under
943 subdivisions (19) to (21), inclusive, of section 12-81, as amended by this
944 act, shall be entitled to an exemption from property tax, provided such
945 veteran's qualifying income does not exceed (1) the applicable
946 maximum amount [applicable to an unmarried person,] as provided
947 under section 12-81l, or (2) an amount established by the municipality,
948 not exceeding the maximum amount under section 12-81l by more
949 than twenty-five thousand dollars. The exemption provided for under
950 this section shall be applied to the assessed value of any such veteran's
951 property and, at the municipality's option, may be in an amount up to
952 five thousand dollars or in an amount up to five per cent of such
953 assessed value.

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

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

966 (b) All state agencies shall promulgate written directives to carry

967 out this policy and to guarantee equal employment opportunities at all
968 levels of state government. They shall regularly review their personnel
969 practices to [assure] ensure compliance.

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

973 (d) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall [insure]
974 ensure that the entire examination process, including qualifications
975 appraisal, is free from bias.

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

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

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

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

992 (a) No state department, board or agency may grant, deny or revoke
993 the license or charter of any person on the grounds of race, color,
994 religious creed, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age,
995 national origin, ancestry, status as a veteran, intellectual disability,
996 mental disability, learning disability [] or physical disability,

997 including, but not limited to, blindness, [or status as a veteran,] unless
 998 it is shown by such state department, board or agency that such
 999 disability prevents performance of the work involved.

1000 (b) Each state agency shall take such appropriate action in the
 1001 exercise of its licensing or regulatory power as will [assure] ensure
 1002 equal treatment of all persons and eliminate discrimination and
 1003 enforce compliance with the policy of sections 46a-70 to 46a-78,
 1004 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 Purpose:

To make technical and minor revisions to statutes concerning military and veterans' affairs.

[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.]