



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 231**

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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2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  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 Section 3-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 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	October 1, 2018	7-436b(b)
Sec. 22	October 1, 2018	10a-166(a)
Sec. 23	October 1, 2018	12-81(20) and (21)
Sec. 24	October 1, 2018	12-81(24)
Sec. 25	October 1, 2018	14-21d(a)
Sec. 26	October 1, 2018	14-254
Sec. 27	October 1, 2018	16-262c(b)(3)
Sec. 28	October 1, 2018	16a-22m(b)
Sec. 29	October 1, 2018	17b-261(k)
Sec. 30	October 1, 2018	26-29
Sec. 31	October 1, 2018	27-103(a)
Sec. 32	October 1, 2018	27-110
Sec. 33	October 1, 2018	27-129
Sec. 34	October 1, 2018	31-3uu(a)(5)
Sec. 35	October 1, 2018	36a-615(2)
Sec. 36	October 1, 2018	45a-12
Sec. 37	October 1, 2018	45a-593
Sec. 38	October 1, 2018	45a-594(b)
Sec. 39	October 1, 2018	49-31i(a)
Sec. 40	October 1, 2018	51-49h(b)
Sec. 41	October 1, 2018	27-102q(c)
Sec. 42	October 1, 2018	27-115b
Sec. 43	October 1, 2018, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2018	12-81jj(a)
Sec. 44	October 1, 2018	46a-70
Sec. 45	October 1, 2018	46a-72(b)
Sec. 46	October 1, 2018	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.

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