

Veterans' Affairs Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-781

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS
SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES

Title: FUND.

Vote Date: 3/12/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/7/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' Affairs Committee
Sen. Mae Flexer
Sen. Saud Anwar

REASONS FOR BILL:

Under current laws, any veteran wishing to obtain a copy of a vital record must pay a fee. This bill seeks to remove that barrier when the vital record is being obtained for the purpose of applying for assistance from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines fund.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed for S.B. No. 781

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Mae Flexer, Senator, Connecticut General Assembly](#): Senator Flexer testified that the state should not be collecting funds from veterans who are trying to obtain a personal record, especially when that record will help them receive assistance from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines fund.

[Daniel C. Thurston, Chairman, Connecticut Veterans and Military Coalition](#): Mr. Thurston testified that no veteran should have to pay to access benefits to which they are entitled.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed for S.B. No. 781

Reported by: Benjamin S. Watson, Asst. Clerk Date: March 18th, 2019