



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND BYLAWS OF THE MILITIA UNITS AND THE MAXIMUM RETIREMENT AGE FOR MEMBERS SERVING AS MUSICIANS IN BANDS OF THE GOVERNOR'S FOOT GUARDS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 [Each organization of the armed forces of the state shall make bylaws
4 for its government, which shall be binding on its members when
5 approved by the regimental or corresponding commander and the
6 Adjutant General; and all fines and dues imposed by such bylaws may
7 be collected in accordance with such procedure as the Adjutant General
8 may, by regulation, prescribe, provided notice shall be given to any
9 delinquent of the incurrence of any fine or dues within thirty days of the
10 date when the same has been incurred and notice may be given
11 collectively of such fines or dues or both. The commanding officer of the
12 organization shall be the president of the association created in the
13 bylaws, except that, if two or more organizations combine in one
14 association, the senior commanding officer shall be president. The

15 treasurer shall be elected from the enlisted personnel of the organization
16 or, if two or more organizations combine, from among the enlisted
17 personnel of one of the organizations. The treasurer of each such
18 organization shall give a bond to such organization in an amount
19 satisfactory to the Adjutant General. The premium on such bond shall
20 be paid by such organization.] The Governor shall determine the
21 organizational structure of the militia units pursuant to section 27-14.
22 Each militia unit shall be composed in a manner consistent with
23 National Guard or federal military units of similar composition, size and
24 purpose. The Adjutant General may adopt bylaws for the
25 administration of the militia units.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 27-53 of the general statutes is
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
28 *1, 2020*):

29 (a) When a member of the armed forces of the state or the Governor's
30 military staff, whose service has been honorable, has served ten years,
31 he or she may, if he or she makes a timely application to the Adjutant
32 General through the chain of command prior to such member's
33 retirement date, be retired from active service and placed upon the
34 retired list. Such retirement shall be in the highest grade in which he or
35 she has served. When such service equals or exceeds twenty years, he or
36 she may, upon his or her application to the Adjutant General, through
37 the chain of command prior to such member's retirement date, be
38 commissioned at or promoted to the next higher grade than the highest
39 grade at which he or she may have held at any time, either in the armed
40 forces of the state or the Governor's military staff or the armed forces of
41 the United States, which higher grade shall not be above the grade of a
42 brigadier general or sergeant major, and shall thereafter be placed upon
43 the retired list with such grade. Members may only receive the
44 retirement promotion provided under this section one time. In
45 determining such term of service of twenty years, there may be added
46 to any term of not less than ten years' service in the armed forces of the
47 state or the Governor's military staff the term of service with the armed
48 forces of the United States, either active, inactive or reserve. Retirement

49 shall be obligatory for all members reaching the age of sixty-four years
50 or as required for members of the National Guard and naval militia by
51 laws and regulations pertaining thereto, except that members serving as
52 musicians in bands of the first and second companies of the Governor's
53 Foot Guards may serve until reaching the age of seventy years.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	27-79
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	27-53(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Governor to determine the structure of the militia units and authorize the Adjutant General to issue bylaws for the militia, and to increase the maximum retirement age for members serving as musicians in bands of the Governor's Foot Guards.

[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.]