

Veterans' Affairs Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 13, 2020

11:00 AM in Room 1C of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 11:05am by Chairman, Rep. Borer D. 115.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Berthel E. S32; Daugherty Abrams M. S13; Leone C. S27; Logan G. S17; Maroney J. S14; Osten C. S19

Representatives: Borer D. 115; Boyd P. 050; Ferraro C. 117; Linehan L. 103; Napoli R. 073; Rose K. 118; Vail K. 052; Wood K. 029; Yaccarino D. 087

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Zullo J. 099

Rep. Borer opened the meeting by introducing the fire procedures and explained which exits to use in case of an emergency.

Sen. Maroney explained that raising concepts was just an opportunity to learn more about the bills and not a commitment for final action.

Rep. Borer entertained a motion to raise concepts under item III of the Agenda.

Rep. Vail made the motion and Sen. Maroney seconded it.

The Concepts were:

1. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GUARD
2. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE PROGRAM ACCOUNT
3. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SERVICE RIBBON FOR MEMBERS OF THE HONOR GUARD DETAIL
4. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF BENEFITS TO VETERANS
5. AN ACT CONCERNING A MILITARY PERMIT FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR
6. AN ACT CONCERNING THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA AND THE MAXIMUM AGE OF SERVICE IN THE GOVERNOR'S FOOT GUARD
7. AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND EDUCATION
8. AAC VIRTUAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES
9. AAC VETERANS' SPOUSES OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES
10. AAC CIVIL AIR PATROL FUNDING
11. AAC EXPANSION OF CERTAIN VETERANS' BENEFITS FOR LAOS-HMONG VETERANS OF SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNITS
12. AAC CREATION OF LICENSE PLATES HONORING VETERANS SERVICE IN CONFLICTS DURING A TIME OF WAR
13. AAC VETERANS TRANSPORTATION
14. AA ESTABLISHING A VETERANS' CEMETERY ACCOUNT.
15. AAC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES.
16. AA ESTABLISHING A GREEN ALERT SYSTEM FOR MISSING VETERANS
17. AN ACT PROMOTING VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES
18. AA REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EQUINE THERAPY FOR VETERANS
19. AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR VETERANS
20. AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS FROM FEES FOR OPERATOR LICENSES OR REGISTRATIONS
21. AA REQUIRING A STUDY OF VETERANS' TAX ABATEMENTS AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS MOVING TO CONNECTICUT FOR EMPLOYMENT
22. AN ACT EXPANDING CERTAIN VETERANS' ACCESS TO PUBLIC

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

23.AAC VETERANS LICENSURE IN WATER OR WASTEWATER OPERATIONS

24.AAC VETERANS LICENSURE IN HVAC

25.AA ALLOWING A LOCAL MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR GOLD STAR FAMILIES

26.AAC VETERANS EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

27.AAC VETERANS SUICIDE PREVENTION OUTREACH

28.AAC EMPLOYMENT PROTECTIONS FOR VETERANS

29.AAC EXEMPTING VETERANS DISABILITY PAYMENTS FROM STATE INCOME CALCULATIONS FOR BENEFIT DETERMINATIONS.

30. RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE FAIRNESS ACT

The motion passed via voice vote.

Rep. Borer entertained a motion to draft HB 5087 the motion was made by Rep. Vail and seconded by Sen. Maroney. The motion passed via voice vote.

Rep. Borer recessed the meeting until 4pm at which time the meeting was adjourned.

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Administrator

Freda Seritella  
Asst. Committee Clerk