



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5368

House of Representatives, March 30, 2022

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. BOYD of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S GUARDS, CERTAIN MILITARY DEPARTMENT MONEYS AND A MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS RIBBON.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-6a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 The first and second companies of the Governor's Foot Guards may
4 each consist of one major commandant, grade O-4; [one captain, grade
5 O-3; three first lieutenants, grade O-2; one second lieutenant, grade O-
6 1; one ensign with the rank of second lieutenant, grade O-1;] one
7 warrant officer, grade W-4, to be bandmaster; [, one quartermaster who
8 shall serve on the major's staff with the rank of captain, grade O-3, and
9 the following enlisted personnel: One] one sergeant major, grade E-9;
10 [two first sergeants, grade E-8; one sergeant first class, grade E-7, and
11 designated as quartermaster sergeant; four staff sergeants, grade E-6,
12 two designated as quartermaster sergeants, one as ordnance sergeant,
13 and one as company clerk; two sergeants, grade E-5, color-bearers,

14 together with twelve sergeants, grade E-5; eight corporals, grade E-4;
15 ninety-six enlisted persons, twenty-four of whom shall be privates first
16 class, grade E-3; and the balance to be privates grade E-2 or E-1. Each
17 company is authorized a band of twenty-eight musicians with the
18 following grades: One sergeant first class, grade E-7; two staff sergeants,
19 grade E-6; four sergeants, grade E-5; seventeen corporals, grade E-4;
20 four privates first class, grade E-3, and twenty-eight persons for field
21 music with the following grades: One sergeant first class, grade E-7; two
22 staff sergeants, grade E-6; four sergeants, grade E-5; seventeen
23 corporals, grade E-4; four privates first class, grade E-3. The commander
24 of any company of the Governor's Guards may appoint either of its
25 sergeants to be an orderly sergeant and may displace such orderly
26 sergeant and make a new appointment as occasion may require] and
27 such other personnel as is consistent with orders issued or regulations
28 prescribed under section 27-14 and with the provisions of section 27-79.

29 Sec. 2. Section 27-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

31 The first and second companies of the Governor's Horse Guards may
32 each consist of one major [, one captain, two first lieutenants, two second
33 lieutenants, one cornet with the rank of second lieutenant, one master
34 sergeant, one first sergeant, two staff sergeants, twelve sergeants, twelve
35 corporals, thirty-two privates first class and sixty-four privates]
36 commandant, grade O-4; one sergeant major, grade E-9; and such other
37 personnel as is consistent with orders issued or regulations prescribed
38 under section 27-14 and with the provisions of section 27-79.

39 Sec. 3. Section 27-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

41 The Governor's Guards [, subject to the provisions of their charters
42 and of the general statutes as to organization, training and discipline,]
43 shall be organized militia, with the immunities and privileges provided
44 by law, and [, in time of war, invasion, rebellion or riot or reasonable
45 apprehension thereof, may be ordered out by the Governor for duty]
46 may be ordered to state military duty by the Governor.

47 Sec. 4. Section 27-19b of the general statutes is repealed and the
48 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

49 There is established an account to be known as the ["Army National
50 Guard] "Military Department state morale, welfare and recreation
51 account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the
52 General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to
53 be deposited in the account, which shall include, but not be limited to,
54 proceeds of state military morale, welfare and recreation programs and
55 gifts, grants and donations from public or private sources. Moneys in
56 the account shall be expended by the Adjutant General for the purposes
57 of operating state military morale, welfare and recreation programs. Not
58 later than August 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Adjutant General
59 shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
60 Management concerning deposits into and expenditures from the
61 account for the previous fiscal year.

62 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) The Adjutant General may issue
63 a military funeral honors ribbon to any member of the National Guard
64 or organized militia or other military personnel who satisfactorily
65 performs as a member of an honor guard detail pursuant to section 27-
66 76 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	27-6a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	27-7
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	27-8
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	27-19b
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section

VA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Military Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 10,000	Less than 10,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows the Adjutant General to issue a military funeral honors ribbon and results in a potential cost of less than \$10,000 per year. The final cost is dependent on if the Adjutant General decides to issue the ribbon, the cost of producing the ribbon, and how many ribbons are issued per year.

The bill also makes various organizational changes within the Governor's footguard and reporting changes resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of ribbons issued.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5368*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S GUARDS, CERTAIN MILITARY DEPARTMENT MONEYS AND A MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS RIBBON.*****SUMMARY**

This bill makes changes in several laws pertaining to the state military department. Specifically, it does the following:

1. authorizes the governor to order the Governor's Foot and Horse Guards ("Governor's Guards") to state military duty at any time, rather than only during certain emergency situations or in anticipation of them (§ 3);
2. removes provisions establishing the number, rank, and structure of personnel allowed in the companies of the Governor's Guards, and instead generally allows company composition to be determined through the governor's orders and regulations (§§ 1 & 2);
3. allows gifts, grants, and donations to be deposited into the Army National Guard morale, welfare and recreation account and renames the account (§ 4); and
4. authorizes the Adjutant General to issue military funeral honor ribbons to military personnel, including Connecticut National Guard and organized militia members, who perform honor guard details (§ 5).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

§§ 1 - 3 — GOVERNOR'S GUARDS***State Military Duty***

The Governor's Guards are a part of the state's organized militia and often perform ceremonial military duties (e.g., at parades and other civic functions) (CGS § 27-2).

Under current law, the governor may order the Governor's Guards out for duty (i.e., to state military duty) in times of war, invasion, rebellion, or riot, or when he has a reasonable apprehension any of these will occur. The bill instead allows him to order the Governor's Guards to state military duty at any time.

The bill also deletes obsolete references to charter provisions specifying the guards' organization, training, and discipline. (PA 21-158 required the governor to configure and administer the state's militia units.)

Composition and Structure

Current law specifies the number, rank, and structure of the personnel in each of the four companies that compose the Governor's Guard. The bill retains each company's senior leadership positions (one major commandant and one sergeant major of specified ranks) but allows other personnel of any number or rank that comply with the commander-in-chief's (i.e., governor's) orders and regulations about the companies' organization and structure.

§ 4 — MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION ACCOUNT

Under current law, the "Army National Guard state morale, welfare and recreation account" is a nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The bill allows public and private gifts, grants, and donations to be deposited into the account, rather than only money that the law requires. It also renames the account the "Military Department state morale, welfare and recreation account."

The bill requires the Adjutant General to annually report, beginning August 1, 2022, to the Office of Policy and Management on deposits to and expenditures from the account.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/15/2022)