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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT REDEFINING "VETERAN" AND ESTABLISHING A QUALIFIED CONDITION REVIEW BOARD.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as  
4 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,  
5 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve  
6 component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard  
7 performing duty as provided in Title 32 of the United States Code, as  
8 amended from time to time; (2) "veteran" means any person honorably  
9 discharged from, [or] released under honorable conditions from or  
10 released with an other than honorable discharge based on a qualifying  
11 condition as set forth in this section, from active service in, the armed  
12 forces; (3) "service in time of war" means service of ninety or more  
13 cumulative days during a period of war unless separated from service

14 earlier because of an injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty or  
15 a service-connected disability rated by the United States Department of  
16 Veterans Affairs, except that if the period of war lasted less than ninety  
17 days, "service in time of war" means service for the entire such period of  
18 war unless separated because of any such injury or disability; (4) "period  
19 of war" has the same meaning as provided in 38 USC 101, as amended  
20 from time to time, except that the "Vietnam Era" means the period  
21 beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on July 1, 1975, in all cases;  
22 and "period of war" shall include service while engaged in combat or a  
23 combat support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958, or  
24 September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983, to  
25 December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of  
26 Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf, July  
27 24, 1987, to August 1, 1990; and Panama, December 20, 1989, to January  
28 31, 1990, and shall include service during such periods with the armed  
29 forces of any government associated with the United States; and (5)  
30 "qualifying condition" means (A) a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress  
31 disorder or traumatic brain injury made by [ , or (B)] an individual  
32 licensed to provide health care services at a United States Department  
33 of Veterans Affairs facility, (B) an experience of military sexual trauma,  
34 as described in 38 USC 1720D, as amended from time to time, disclosed  
35 to [ ,] an individual licensed to provide health care services at a United  
36 States Department of Veterans Affairs facility, (C) a mental health  
37 condition that was more likely than not a contributing factor for an other  
38 than honorable discharge, as determined in accordance with  
39 subsections (c) and (d) of this section, or (D) a determination that sexual  
40 orientation, gender identity or gender expression was more likely than  
41 not the sole reason for an other than honorable discharge, as determined  
42 in accordance with subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

43 (b) As used in this part, "Veterans Residential Services facility" means  
44 the Veterans Residential Services facility in Rocky Hill maintained by  
45 the Department of Veterans Affairs that provides temporary and other  
46 supported residential services for qualifying veterans; "hospital" means  
47 any incorporated hospital or tuberculosis sanatorium in the state and

48 any state chronic disease hospital, or hospital for persons with mental  
49 illness; "Healthcare Center" means the hospital in Rocky Hill maintained  
50 by the Department of Veterans Affairs; "veteran" means any veteran, as  
51 defined in subsection (a) of this section, who is a resident of this state;  
52 "eligible dependent" means any parent, wife or husband, or child of a  
53 veteran who has no adequate means of support; and "eligible family  
54 member" means any parent, brother or sister, wife or husband, or child  
55 or children under eighteen years of age, of any veteran whose  
56 cooperation in the program is integral to the treatment of the veteran.

57 (c) Not later than October 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Veterans  
58 Affairs shall establish a Qualified Condition Review Board, which shall  
59 review applications of veterans submitted under subsection (d) of this  
60 section. Said board shall be part of the Executive Department and shall  
61 consist of five voting members who, by education or experience, shall  
62 be knowledgeable of veterans benefits and programs and who shall  
63 have a demonstrated interest in the concerns of veterans. A majority of  
64 the members of the board shall be veterans.

65 (1) The membership of the board shall consist of the following  
66 members:

67 (A) One member appointed by the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs  
68 in consultation with the chairperson of the Department of Veterans  
69 Affairs Board of Trustees, who shall be a member of said board;

70 (B) The manager of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of  
71 Advocacy and Assistance, or the manager's designee; and

72 (C) Three members appointed by the Commissioner of Veterans  
73 Affairs.

74 (2) All initial appointments to the board shall be made not later than  
75 December 1, 2021, and shall terminate on November 31, 2023, or  
76 November 31, 2024, as applicable, regardless of when the initial  
77 appointment was made. Any member of the board may serve more than

78 one term.

79 (3) Members first appointed shall have the following terms: (A) The  
80 member of the Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Trustees and  
81 the manager of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Advocacy  
82 and Assistance, or the manager's designee, shall initially serve a term of  
83 three years, and (B) the three members appointed by the Commissioner  
84 of Veterans Affairs shall initially serve a term of two years. Members  
85 shall serve a term of four years thereafter. Members shall continue to  
86 serve until their successors are appointed.

87 (4) Any vacancy shall be filled by the Commissioner of Veterans  
88 Affairs. Any vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be  
89 filled for the balance of the unexpired term.

90 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-9a,  
91 the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs shall select the chairperson of the  
92 board from among the members of the board. Such chairperson shall  
93 schedule the first meeting of the board, which shall be held not later  
94 than January 1, 2022.

95 (6) A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the  
96 transaction of any business.

97 (7) The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

98 (8) The board shall meet at least monthly or as often as deemed  
99 necessary by the chairperson based on the number of applications  
100 pending before the board.

101 (d) (1) Any veteran who receives an other than honorable discharge  
102 and who believes such discharge characterization is (A) due to a mental  
103 health condition suffered by such veteran, or (B) based on such veteran's  
104 sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, may file an  
105 application for state-based veterans benefits.

106 (2) The commissioner shall promulgate a standardized application

107 form enumerating the required documentation necessary for filing an  
108 application under this subsection and shall make such form available on  
109 the Department of Veterans Affairs' Internet web site along with  
110 instructions for filing the application.

111 (3) The commissioner shall promulgate a standardized request for  
112 reconsideration form enumerating the required documentation  
113 necessary for filing a request for reconsideration pursuant to  
114 subdivision (6) of this subsection and shall make such form available on  
115 the Department of Veterans Affairs' Internet web site along with  
116 instructions for filing the request for reconsideration.

117 (4) The board shall review each application submitted and render a  
118 recommendation to the commissioner as to whether (A) the veteran has  
119 a mental health condition that was more likely than not a contributing  
120 factor for an other than honorable discharge, or (B) the veteran's sexual  
121 orientation, gender identity or gender expression was more likely than  
122 not the sole reason for an other than honorable discharge. The board  
123 shall review each application not later than thirty days after receipt and  
124 render a written recommendation to the commissioner not later than  
125 thirty days after such review. The commissioner shall issue a written  
126 decision not later than ten days after receipt of the board's  
127 recommendation, approving or denying the application. If the  
128 commissioner approves the application, such veteran shall be eligible  
129 for state-based veterans benefits.

130 (5) In making a determination under subdivision (4) of this  
131 subsection, the board shall presume (A) the veteran has a mental health  
132 condition that was more likely than not a contributing factor for an other  
133 than honorable discharge, or (B) the veteran's sexual orientation, gender  
134 identity or gender expression was more likely than not the sole reason  
135 for an other than honorable discharge, if (i) the veteran presents  
136 evidence of a diagnosis of a mental health condition made by an  
137 individual licensed to provide health care services at a United States  
138 Department of Veterans Affairs facility; or (ii) the veteran's narrative

139 reason for separation documented on the DD-214 form references the  
140 veteran's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

141 (6) A veteran aggrieved by the commissioner's decision may file a  
142 request for reconsideration with the commissioner not later than fifteen  
143 days after receipt of the commissioner's decision. Such veteran may  
144 include supplemental documentation in support of the request for  
145 reconsideration. The commissioner shall provide due consideration to  
146 the request for reconsideration and render a decision not later than ten  
147 days after receipt of such request for reconsideration. The  
148 commissioner's decision shall be a final decision by the Department of  
149 Veterans Affairs and may be appealed to the Superior Court in  
150 accordance with the provisions of section 4-193.

151 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4-61bb of the general statutes is  
152 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
153 *1, 2021*):

154 (a) For the purposes of this section, "licensing authority" means the  
155 Department of Consumer Protection, the Department of Emergency  
156 Services and Public Protection, the Labor Department, the Department  
157 of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Public Health, the Board of  
158 Regents for Higher Education, the Office of Higher Education, the Board  
159 of Trustees of The University of Connecticut or the Police Officer  
160 Standards and Training Council; "service member" means a member of  
161 the armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran; "armed forces" has  
162 the same meaning as set forth in section 27-103; and "veteran" [means  
163 any person who was discharged or released under conditions other than  
164 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces] has the same  
165 meaning as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this act.

166 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 4a-59 of the general statutes is  
167 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
168 *1, 2021*):

169 (c) All open market orders or contracts shall be awarded to (1) the

170 lowest responsible qualified bidder, the qualities of the articles to be  
171 supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the  
172 requirements of the state government and the delivery terms being  
173 taken into consideration and, at the discretion of the Commissioner of  
174 Administrative Services, life-cycle costs and trade-in or resale value of  
175 the articles may be considered where it appears to be in the best interest  
176 of the state, (2) the highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid, in  
177 accordance with the criteria set forth in the bid solicitation for the  
178 contract, or (3) the proposer whose proposal is deemed by the awarding  
179 authority to be the most advantageous to the state, in accordance with  
180 the criteria set forth in the request for proposals, including price and  
181 evaluation factors. Notwithstanding any provision of the general  
182 statutes to the contrary, each state agency awarding a contract through  
183 competitive negotiation shall include price as an explicit factor in the  
184 criteria in the request for proposals and for the contract award. In  
185 considering past performance of a bidder for the purpose of  
186 determining the "lowest responsible qualified bidder" or the "highest  
187 scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid", the commissioner shall  
188 evaluate the skill, ability and integrity of the bidder in terms of the  
189 bidder's fulfillment of past contract obligations and the bidder's  
190 experience or lack of experience in delivering supplies, materials,  
191 equipment or contractual services of the size or amount for which bids  
192 have been solicited. In determining the lowest responsible qualified  
193 bidder for the purposes of this section, the commissioner may give a  
194 price preference of up to ten per cent for (A) the purchase of goods made  
195 with recycled materials or the purchase of recyclable or remanufactured  
196 products if the commissioner determines that such preference would  
197 promote recycling or remanufacturing. As used in this subsection,  
198 "recyclable" means able to be collected, separated or otherwise  
199 recovered from the solid waste stream for reuse, or for use in the  
200 manufacture or assembly of another package or product, by means of a  
201 recycling program which is reasonably available to at least seventy-five  
202 per cent of the state's population, "remanufactured" means restored to  
203 its original function and thereby diverted from the solid waste stream

204 by retaining the bulk of components that have been used at least once  
205 and by replacing consumable components and "remanufacturing"  
206 means any process by which a product is remanufactured; (B) the  
207 purchase of motor vehicles powered by a clean alternative fuel; (C) the  
208 purchase of motor vehicles powered by fuel other than a clean  
209 alternative fuel and conversion equipment to convert such motor  
210 vehicles allowing the vehicles to be powered by either the exclusive use  
211 of clean alternative fuel or dual use of a clean alternative fuel and a fuel  
212 other than a clean alternative fuel. As used in this subsection, "clean  
213 alternative fuel" means natural gas, electricity, hydrogen or propane  
214 when used as a motor vehicle fuel; or (D) the purchase of goods or  
215 services from a micro business, except that, in the case of a veteran-  
216 owned micro business, the commissioner may give a price preference of  
217 up to fifteen per cent. As used in this subsection, "micro business" means  
218 a business with gross revenues not exceeding three million dollars in the  
219 most recently completed fiscal year, "veteran-owned micro business"  
220 means a micro business of which at least fifty-one per cent of the  
221 ownership is held by one or more veterans and "veteran" [means any  
222 person (i) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable  
223 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section  
224 27-103, or (ii) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who  
225 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
226 active service in the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided  
227 in section 27-103, as amended by this act. All other factors being equal,  
228 preference shall be given to supplies, materials and equipment  
229 produced, assembled or manufactured in the state and services  
230 originating and provided in the state. Except with regard to contracts  
231 that may be paid for with United States Department of Transportation  
232 funds, if any such bidder refuses to accept, within ten days, a contract  
233 awarded to such bidder, such contract may be awarded to the next  
234 lowest responsible qualified bidder or the next highest scoring bidder in  
235 a multiple criteria bid, whichever is applicable, and so on until such  
236 contract is awarded and accepted. Except with regard to contracts that  
237 may be paid for with United States Department of Transportation funds,



238 if any such proposer refuses to accept, within ten days, a contract  
239 awarded to such proposer, such contract shall be awarded to the next  
240 most advantageous proposer, and so on until the contract is awarded  
241 and accepted. There shall be a written evaluation made of each bid. This  
242 evaluation shall identify the vendors and their respective costs and  
243 prices, document the reason why any vendor is deemed to be  
244 nonresponsive and recommend a vendor for award. A contract valued  
245 at one million dollars or more shall be awarded to a bidder other than  
246 the lowest responsible qualified bidder or the highest scoring bidder in  
247 a multiple criteria bid, whichever is applicable, only with written  
248 approval signed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services and  
249 by the Comptroller. The commissioner shall post on the department's  
250 Internet web site all awards made pursuant to the provisions of this  
251 section.

252 Sec. 4. Subdivision (28) of section 5-196 of the general statutes is  
253 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
254 *1, 2021*):

255 (28) "Veteran", when used in this chapter and in section 5-180, [means  
256 any person (A) (i) honorably discharged from, or released under  
257 honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces of the  
258 United States, or (ii) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section  
259 27-103, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or  
260 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces of the United  
261 States] has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103, as amended  
262 by this act, and (B) who has performed such service in time of war, as  
263 defined in said section, except that the final date for service in time of  
264 war during World War II shall be December 31, 1947.

265 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 7-294d of the general statutes is  
266 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
267 *1, 2021*):

268 (b) No person may be employed as a police officer by any law  
269 enforcement unit for a period exceeding one year unless such person

270 has been certified under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section  
271 or has been granted an extension by the council. No person may serve  
272 as a police officer during any period when such person's certification  
273 has been cancelled or revoked pursuant to the provisions of subsection  
274 (c) of this section. In addition to the requirements of this subsection, the  
275 council may establish other qualifications for the employment of police  
276 officers and require evidence of fulfillment of these qualifications. The  
277 certification of any police officer who is not employed by a law  
278 enforcement unit for a period of time in excess of two years, unless such  
279 officer is on leave of absence, shall be considered lapsed. Upon  
280 reemployment as a police officer, such officer shall apply for  
281 recertification in a manner provided by the council, provided such  
282 recertification process requires the police officer to submit to a urinalysis  
283 drug test that screens for controlled substances, including, but not  
284 limited to, anabolic steroids, and receive a result indicating no presence  
285 of any controlled substance not prescribed for the officer. The council  
286 shall certify any applicant who presents evidence of satisfactory  
287 completion of a program or course of instruction in another state or, if  
288 the applicant is a veteran or a member of the armed forces or the  
289 National Guard, as part of training during service in the armed forces,  
290 that is equivalent in content and quality to that required in this state,  
291 provided such applicant passes an examination or evaluation as  
292 required by the council. For the purposes of this section, "veteran"  
293 [means any person who was discharged or released under conditions  
294 other than dishonorable from active service in the armed forces] and  
295 "armed forces" [has] have the same [meaning] meanings as provided in  
296 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

297 Sec. 6. Section 8-75 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
298 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

299 As among applicants eligible for occupancy at the rent involved  
300 whose needs for housing accommodations are substantially equal, as  
301 determined by the developer, preference shall be given to veterans. As  
302 used in this section, "veteran" [means any person (1) honorably

303 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active  
304 service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or (2) with a  
305 qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has received a  
306 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in  
307 the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103,  
308 as amended by this act.

309 Sec. 7. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10-5 of the general  
310 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
311 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

312 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall, in accordance with this  
313 section, issue a state high school diploma to any person (1) who  
314 successfully completes an examination approved by the commissioner,  
315 or (2) who (A) is seventeen years of age and has been officially  
316 withdrawn from school in accordance with the provisions of section 10-  
317 184 or is eighteen years of age or older, and (B) presents to the  
318 commissioner evidence demonstrating educational qualifications which  
319 the commissioner deems equivalent to those required for graduation  
320 from a public high school. Application for such a diploma shall be made  
321 in the manner and form prescribed by the commissioner provided, at  
322 the time of application to take the examination described in subdivision  
323 (1) of this subsection, the applicant is seventeen years of age or older,  
324 has been officially withdrawn from school, in accordance with section  
325 10-184, for at least six months and has been advised, in such manner as  
326 may be prescribed by the commissioner, of the other options for high  
327 school completion and other available educational programs. For good  
328 cause shown, the commissioner may allow a person who is sixteen years  
329 of age to apply to take the examination, provided the commissioner may  
330 not issue a state high school diploma to such person until the person has  
331 attained seventeen years of age.

332 (b) Application to take or retake the examination described in  
333 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall be accompanied by  
334 a money order or certified check in the nonrefundable amount of

335 thirteen dollars. This amount shall include the fee for the state high  
336 school diploma.

337 (c) No (1) veteran, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this  
338 act, (2) member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as  
339 amended by this act, [(3) person with a qualifying condition, as defined  
340 in said section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or  
341 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces,] or [(4)] (3) person  
342 under twenty-one years of age shall be required to pay the fees  
343 described in subsection (b) of this section. The commissioner may waive  
344 any fee described in subsection (b) of this section upon the submission  
345 of evidence indicating an inability to pay.

346 Sec. 8. Subsection (i) of section 10-221a of the general statutes is  
347 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
348 *1, 2021*):

349 (i) (1) A local or regional board of education may award a diploma to  
350 a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by  
351 this act, [or a person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said  
352 section, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or  
353 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces,] which veteran or  
354 person served during World War II or the Korean hostilities, as  
355 described in section 51-49h, or during the Vietnam Era, as defined in  
356 section 27-103, as amended by this act, withdrew from high school prior  
357 to graduation in order to serve in the armed forces of the United States  
358 and did not receive a diploma as a consequence of such service.

359 (2) A local or regional board of education may award a diploma to  
360 any person who (A) withdrew from high school prior to graduation to  
361 work in a job that assisted the war effort during World War II, December  
362 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946, inclusive, (B) did not receive a diploma as  
363 a consequence of such work, and (C) has been a resident of the state for  
364 at least fifty consecutive years.

365 Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes is

366 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
367 *1, 2021*):

368 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any of  
369 the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent child  
370 of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to  
371 be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in  
372 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted  
373 for admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time  
374 such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the  
375 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any [(A)] veteran, as  
376 defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who performed  
377 service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this  
378 act, [or (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section,  
379 who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable  
380 from active service in the armed forces and who performed service in  
381 time of war,] except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time  
382 of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service  
383 academy, which veteran [or person] has been accepted for admission to  
384 such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran  
385 [or person] is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any  
386 resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at the end  
387 of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a  
388 sufficient number of students other than those residents eligible for  
389 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such  
390 resident intends to enroll and there is space available in such course  
391 after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student attending the  
392 Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement  
393 program at said academy offered in coordination with a regional  
394 community-technical college which accredits courses taken in such  
395 program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air  
396 National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or  
397 such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the  
398 guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such institution  
399 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting

400 program, (6) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined  
401 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)  
402 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire  
403 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in  
404 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state  
405 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist  
406 victim who was a resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a  
407 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the  
408 intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005,  
409 and (9) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or  
410 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing  
411 active military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or  
412 after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any  
413 person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions  
414 of this subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an  
415 employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such  
416 educational reimbursement. Veterans [and persons described in  
417 subdivision (2) of this subsection] and members of the National Guard  
418 described in subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same  
419 status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses  
420 at regional community-technical colleges. Notwithstanding the  
421 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in  
422 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

423 Sec. 10. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is  
424 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
425 *1, 2021*):

426 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the  
427 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a  
428 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be  
429 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such  
430 armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for  
431 admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time  
432 such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the

433 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any [(A)] veteran, as  
434 defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who performed  
435 service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this  
436 act, [or (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section,  
437 who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable  
438 from active service in the armed forces and who performed service in  
439 time of war,] except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time  
440 of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service  
441 academy, which veteran [or person] has been accepted for admission to  
442 such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran  
443 [or person] is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any  
444 resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been  
445 accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A) such resident  
446 is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular  
447 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number  
448 of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to  
449 this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to  
450 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating  
451 all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police  
452 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said  
453 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits  
454 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the  
455 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by  
456 the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member  
457 in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for  
458 admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an  
459 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any  
460 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or  
461 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in  
462 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal  
463 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in  
464 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent  
465 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a  
466 resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state

467 who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of  
468 Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for  
469 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse  
470 of a person who was killed in action while performing active military  
471 duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September  
472 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives  
473 a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also  
474 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver  
475 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.  
476 Veterans [and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection]  
477 and members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this  
478 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving  
479 tuition waivers in registering for courses at Connecticut state  
480 universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used  
481 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less  
482 than one year.

483 Sec. 11. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is  
484 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
485 *1, 2021*):

486 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at  
487 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person  
488 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing  
489 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed  
490 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission  
491 to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of the state at the time  
492 such child is accepted for admission to said institution, (2) subject to the  
493 provisions of subsection (f) of this section, for any [(A)] veteran, as  
494 defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who performed  
495 service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this  
496 act, [or (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section,  
497 who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable  
498 from active service in the armed forces and who performed service in  
499 time of war,] except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time



500 of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service  
501 academy, which veteran [or person] has been accepted for admission to  
502 said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran [or  
503 person] is accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any resident  
504 of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for  
505 admission to said institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in  
506 a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration  
507 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students  
508 other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this  
509 subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll  
510 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such  
511 students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air  
512 National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or  
513 such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the  
514 guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to said institution  
515 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate  
516 degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police  
517 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary  
518 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of  
519 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state  
520 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (6) for  
521 any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving spouse  
522 of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (7) for any  
523 dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a  
524 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and  
525 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state  
526 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was  
527 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed  
528 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was  
529 a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in  
530 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives  
531 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be  
532 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans  
533 [and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection] and

534 members of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this  
535 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving  
536 tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of  
537 Connecticut. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used  
538 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less  
539 than one year.

540 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 10a-149d of the general statutes is  
541 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
542 *1, 2021*):

543 (a) An institution of higher education shall award college credit for  
544 military occupational specialty training to a member of the armed forces  
545 or the National Guard or a veteran who enrolls at such institution and  
546 has experience in a military occupation recognized by such institution  
547 as substituting for or meeting the requirements of a particular course of  
548 study. For the purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any person  
549 who was discharged or released under conditions other than  
550 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces] and "armed  
551 forces" [has] have the same [meaning] meanings as provided in section  
552 27-103, as amended by this act.

553 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 10a-161d of the general statutes is  
554 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
555 *1, 2021*):

556 (a) As used in this section:

557 (1) "Eligible student without legal immigration status" means any  
558 person who (A) is entitled to classification as an in-state student for  
559 tuition purposes pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10a-29, (B) was  
560 thirty years of age or younger on June 15, 2012, (C) was sixteen years of  
561 age or younger when he or she arrived in the United States and has  
562 continuously resided in the United States since such arrival, and (D) has  
563 not been convicted of a felony in this state or in another state;

564 (2) "Eligible veteran without legal immigration status" means any  
565 [person who (A) is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces  
566 of the United States] veteran, as defined in section 27-103, as amended  
567 by this act, without legal immigration status, who (B) was thirty years  
568 of age or younger on June 15, 2012, (C) was fifteen years of age or  
569 younger when he or she arrived in the United States and has  
570 continuously resided in the United States since such arrival, and (D) has  
571 not been convicted of a felony in this state or in another state;

572 (3) "Institutional financial aid" means funds set aside from the  
573 anticipated tuition revenue of an institution of higher education for the  
574 purposes of providing tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for  
575 educational expenses and student employment for full-time or part-  
576 time students who are enrolled in a degree-granting program or a  
577 precollege remedial program and who demonstrate substantial  
578 financial need; and

579 (4) "Public institution of higher education" means those institutions  
580 of higher education identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 10a-  
581 1.

582 Sec. 14. Subdivision (19) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is  
583 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
584 *1, 2021, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1,*  
585 *2021*):

586 (19) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95,  
587 property to the amount of one thousand dollars belonging to, or held in  
588 trust for, (A) any resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined in  
589 section 27-103, as amended by this act, who was a member of the armed  
590 forces in service in time of war, (B) any resident of this state who was a  
591 citizen of the United States at the time of his enlistment and who was in  
592 the military or naval service of a government allied or associated with  
593 that of the United States during the Second World War and received an  
594 honorable discharge therefrom, (C) any resident of this state who served  
595 during the Second World War as a member of any armed force of any

596 government signatory to the United Nations Declaration of January 1,  
597 1942, and participated in armed conflict with an enemy of the United  
598 States and who has been a citizen of the United States for at least ten  
599 years and presents satisfactory evidence of such service, (D) any  
600 resident of this state who served as a member of the crew of a merchant  
601 vessel during the Second World War and is qualified with respect to  
602 such service as a member of the group known as the "American  
603 Merchant Marine in ocean-going service during the period of armed  
604 conflict, December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945", members of which are  
605 deemed to be eligible for certain veterans benefits under a  
606 determination in the United States Department of Defense, as recorded  
607 in the Federal Register of February 1, 1988, provided such resident has  
608 received an armed forces discharge certificate from the Department of  
609 Defense on the basis of such service, (E) any member of the armed forces  
610 who was in service in time of war and is still in the service and by reason  
611 of continuous service has not as yet received a discharge, (F) any person  
612 who is retired from the armed forces after thirty years of service because  
613 he has reached the age limit prescribed by law or because he suffers  
614 from mental or physical disability, [(G) any person with a qualifying  
615 condition who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or  
616 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and who was in  
617 service in time of war,] or [(H)] (G) any person who is serving in the  
618 armed services in time of war; or lacking said amount of property in his  
619 own name, so much of the property belonging to, or held in trust for, his  
620 spouse, who is domiciled with him, as is necessary to equal said amount.  
621 For the purposes of this subdivision, "veteran", "armed forces" [.] and  
622 "service in time of war" [and "qualifying condition"] have the same  
623 meanings as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this act;

624 Sec. 15. Subdivision (22) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is  
625 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
626 *1, 2021, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1,*  
627 *2021*):

628 (22) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95,

629 property to the amount of one thousand dollars belonging to, or held in  
630 trust for, any surviving spouse while such person remains a widow or  
631 widower, or a minor child or both, residing in this state, of [(A)] one  
632 who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air  
633 Force of the United States, or any citizen of the United States who served  
634 in the military or naval service of a government allied or associated with  
635 the United States, as provided by subdivision (19) of this section, and  
636 who has died either during his or her term of service or after [receiving  
637 an honorable discharge therefrom,] becoming a veteran, as defined in  
638 section 27-103, as amended by this act, provided such amount shall be  
639 three thousand dollars if death was due to service and occurred while  
640 on active duty; [, or (B) one with a qualifying condition, as defined in  
641 section 27-103, who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast  
642 Guard or Air Force of the United States and who has died after receiving  
643 a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable therefrom;]

644 Sec. 16. Subdivision (25) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is  
645 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
646 *1, 2021, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1,*  
647 *2021*):

648 (25) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95,  
649 property to the amount of one thousand dollars belonging to, or held in  
650 trust for, a sole surviving parent, while such parent remains a widow or  
651 widower, resident of this state, of one [(A)] who has left no widow or  
652 widower, or whose widow or widower has remarried or died, and who  
653 has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force  
654 of the United States as provided by subdivision (19) of this section and  
655 has died during his or her term of service or after [receiving an  
656 honorable discharge therefrom,] becoming a veteran, as defined in  
657 section 27-103, as amended by this act, provided property belonging to,  
658 or held in trust for, such parent of more than one serviceman or  
659 servicewoman who has left no widow or widower, or whose widow or  
660 widower has remarried or died, and who has served in the Army, Navy,  
661 Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United States as

662 provided in subdivision (19) of this section and has died during his or  
663 her term of service shall be subject to an exemption of one thousand  
664 dollars for each such serviceman or servicewoman; [ or (B) with a  
665 qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has left no  
666 widow or widower, or whose widow or widower has remarried or died,  
667 and who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or  
668 Air Force of the United States and has died after receiving a discharge  
669 other than bad conduct or dishonorable therefrom;]

670 Sec. 17. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 12-81jj of the  
671 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
672 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021, and applicable to assessment years*  
673 *commencing on or after October 1, 2021*):

674 (2) Any such veteran submitting a claim for such exemption shall be  
675 required to file an application, on a form prepared for such purpose by  
676 the assessor, not later than the assessment date with respect to which  
677 such exemption is claimed, which application shall include (A) a  
678 certified copy of such veteran's military discharge document, as defined  
679 in section 1-219, or (B) in the absence of such certified copy, at least two  
680 affidavits of disinterested persons showing that the claimant [was  
681 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
682 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103,] is  
683 a veteran as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, provided  
684 the assessor may further require such claimant to be examined by such  
685 assessor under oath concerning such facts. Each such application shall  
686 include a copy of such veteran's federal income tax return, or in the  
687 event such a return is not filed such evidence related to income as may  
688 be required by the assessor, for the tax year of such veteran ending  
689 immediately prior to the assessment date with respect to which such  
690 exemption is claimed. Such town clerk shall record each such affidavit  
691 in full and shall list the name of such veteran, and such service shall be  
692 performed by such town clerk without remuneration. No assessor,  
693 board of assessment appeals or other official shall allow any such claim  
694 for exemption unless evidence as specified in this section has been filed

695 in the office of such town clerk. Any such veteran who has filed for such  
696 exemption and received approval for the first time shall be required to  
697 file for such exemption biennially thereafter, subject to the provisions of  
698 subsection (c) of this section.

699 Sec. 18. Section 12-93 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
700 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021, and*  
701 *applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2021*):

702 Any person who claims an exemption from taxation under the  
703 provisions of section 12-81, as amended by this act, or 12-82 by reason  
704 of service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force  
705 of the United States shall give notice to the town clerk of the town in  
706 which he resides that he is entitled to such exemption. Any person who  
707 has performed such service may establish his right to such exemption  
708 by exhibiting to the town clerk an honorable discharge, or a certified  
709 copy thereof, from such service or, in the absence of such discharge or  
710 copy, by appearing before the assessors for an examination under oath,  
711 supported by two affidavits of disinterested persons, showing that the  
712 claimant [so served and received an honorable discharge] is a veteran,  
713 as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, or is serving or, if  
714 he is unable to appear by reason of such service, he may establish such  
715 right, until such time as he appears personally and exhibits his discharge  
716 or copy, by forwarding to the town clerk annually a written statement,  
717 signed by the commanding officer of his unit, ship or station or by some  
718 other appropriate officer, or where such claimant is currently serving in  
719 an active theater of war or hostilities, by the presentation of a notarized  
720 statement of a parent, guardian, spouse or legal representative of such  
721 claimant, stating that he is personally serving and is unable to appear in  
722 person by reason of such service, which statement shall be received  
723 before the assessment day of the town wherein the exemption is  
724 claimed. The assessors shall report to the town clerk all claims so  
725 established. Any person claiming exemption by reason of the service of  
726 a relative as a soldier, sailor, marine or member of the Coast Guard or  
727 Air Force may establish his right thereto by at least two affidavits of

728 disinterested persons showing the service of such relative, his honorable  
729 discharge or death in service, and the relationship of the claimant to  
730 him; and the assessors may further require such person to be examined  
731 by them under oath concerning such facts. The town clerk of the town  
732 where the honorable discharge or certified copy thereof and each  
733 affidavit is originally presented for record shall record such discharge  
734 or certified copy or affidavits thereof in full and shall list the names of  
735 such claimants and such service shall be performed by the town clerk  
736 without remuneration therefor. Thereafter if any person entitled to such  
737 exemption changes his legal residence, the town clerk in the town of  
738 former residence and in which such honorable discharge or certified  
739 copy thereof or any such affidavit in respect to such person was  
740 originally presented for record shall, upon request and payment of a fee  
741 by such person to said town of former residence in an amount  
742 determined by the town treasurer as necessary to cover the cost of such  
743 procedure, prepare and mail to the town in which such person resides,  
744 a copy of the record of such discharge or certified copy thereof or  
745 affidavits, or he may establish his right to such exemption in the town  
746 in which he resides by exhibiting to the town clerk thereof the original  
747 discharge or a certified copy thereof or such affidavits. Said clerk shall  
748 take therefrom sufficient data to satisfy the exemption requirements of  
749 the general statutes and shall record the same and shall note the town  
750 where the original complete recording of discharge papers was made.  
751 No board of assessors or board of assessment appeals or other official  
752 shall allow any such claim for exemption unless evidence as herein  
753 specified has been filed in the office of the town clerk, provided, if any  
754 claim for exemption has been allowed by any board of assessors or  
755 board of assessment appeals prior to July 1, 1923, the provisions of this  
756 section shall not apply to such claim. Each claim granted prior to July 1,  
757 1923, shall be recorded with those presented subsequent thereto, and a  
758 list of such names, alphabetically arranged, shall be furnished the  
759 assessors by the town clerk.

760       Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 12-217pp of the general statutes is  
761 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*



762 1, 2021):

763 (a) As used in this section:

764 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and  
765 Community Development;

766 (2) "Control", with respect to a corporation, means ownership,  
767 directly or indirectly, of stock possessing fifty per cent or more of the  
768 total combined voting power of all classes of the stock of such  
769 corporation entitled to vote. "Control", with respect to a trust, means  
770 ownership, directly or indirectly, of fifty per cent or more of the  
771 beneficial interest in the principal or income of such trust. The  
772 ownership of stock in a corporation, of a capital or profits interest in a  
773 partnership, limited liability company or association or of a beneficial  
774 interest in a trust shall be determined in accordance with the rules for  
775 constructive ownership of stock provided in Section 267(c) of the  
776 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding  
777 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time  
778 amended, other than paragraph (3) of said Section 267(c);

779 (3) "Full-time job" means a job in which an employee is required to  
780 work at least thirty-five hours per week for not less than forty-eight  
781 weeks in a calendar year. "Full-time job" does not include a temporary  
782 or seasonal job;

783 (4) "Income year" means, with respect to entities subject to the  
784 insurance premiums tax under chapter 207, the corporation business tax  
785 under this chapter, the utility companies tax under chapter 212 or the  
786 income tax under chapter 229, the income year as determined under  
787 each of said chapters, as the case may be;

788 (5) "New employee" means a person who resides in this state and is  
789 hired by a taxpayer on or after January 1, 2012, and prior to January 1,  
790 2014, to fill a new job. "New employee" does not include a person who  
791 was employed in this state by a related person with respect to a taxpayer

792 during the prior twelve months;

793 (6) "New job" means a job that did not exist in this state prior to a  
794 taxpayer's application to the commissioner for certification under this  
795 section for a job expansion tax credit, is filled by a new, qualifying or  
796 veteran employee, and (A) is a full-time job, or (B) in the case of a  
797 qualifying employee under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (7) of this  
798 subsection, is a job in which an employee is required to work at least  
799 twenty hours per week for not less than forty-eight weeks in a calendar  
800 year;

801 (7) "Qualifying employee" means a new employee who, at the time of  
802 hiring by the taxpayer:

803 (A) (i) Is receiving unemployment compensation, or (ii) has  
804 exhausted unemployment compensation benefits and has not had an  
805 intervening full-time job; or

806 (B) Is (i) receiving vocational rehabilitation services from the  
807 Department of Aging and Disability Services, (ii) receiving employment  
808 services from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services,  
809 or (iii) participating in employment opportunities and day services, as  
810 defined in section 17a-226, operated or funded by the Department of  
811 Developmental Services;

812 (8) "Related person" means (A) a corporation, limited liability  
813 company, partnership, association or trust controlled by the taxpayer,  
814 (B) an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership,  
815 association or trust that is in control of the taxpayer, (C) a corporation,  
816 limited liability company, partnership, association or trust controlled by  
817 an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership,  
818 association or trust that is in control of the taxpayer, or (D) a member of  
819 the same controlled group as the taxpayer;

820 (9) "Taxpayer" means a person that (A) has been in business for at  
821 least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of the taxpayer's

822 application to the commissioner for certification under this section for a  
823 job expansion tax credit, and (B) is subject to tax under this chapter or  
824 chapter 207, 212 or 229; and

825 (10) "Veteran employee" means a new employee who, at the time of  
826 hiring by the taxpayer, is (A) a member of [, was honorably discharged  
827 from or released under honorable conditions from active service in] the  
828 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, or (B)  
829 a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act.

830 Sec. 20. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (63) of section 12-412 of the  
831 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
832 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

833 (D) The Department of Revenue Services may issue a farmer tax  
834 exemption permit to a farmer, notwithstanding the fact that, in the  
835 farmer's immediately preceding taxable year, such farmer's gross  
836 income from agricultural production engaged in as a trade or business  
837 may have been less than two thousand five hundred dollars, provided  
838 (i) such farmer purchased, during such farmer's current or immediately  
839 preceding taxable year, an agricultural trade or business from a seller  
840 who was issued a farmer tax exemption permit by such department at  
841 the time of such purchase and such agricultural production shall be  
842 carried on as a trade or business by such purchaser during the period  
843 commencing upon the purchase and ending two years after the date of  
844 purchase. Such purchaser shall be liable for the tax otherwise imposed,  
845 during the period commencing upon such purchase and ending two  
846 years after the date of purchase, if such agricultural production is not  
847 carried on as a trade or business by such purchaser during the period  
848 commencing upon such purchase and ending two years after the date  
849 of purchase; or (ii) such farmer is a veteran who has never owned or  
850 leased property for the purpose of commercial agricultural production  
851 or who has owned or leased property for the purpose of commercial  
852 agricultural production for less than two years. Such veteran farmer  
853 shall be liable for the tax otherwise imposed, during the period

854 commencing upon issuance of a farmer tax exemption permit pursuant  
855 to this subparagraph and ending two years after the date of such  
856 issuance, if such agricultural production is not carried on as a trade or  
857 business by such veteran farmer during the period commencing upon  
858 such issuance and ending two years after the date of such issuance. As  
859 used in this subparagraph, "veteran" [means any person (1) honorably  
860 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active  
861 service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or (2) with a  
862 qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has received a  
863 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in  
864 the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103,  
865 as amended by this act.

866 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 14-20b of the general statutes is  
867 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
868 *1, 2021*):

869 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any veteran  
870 or member of the armed forces or the surviving spouse of such veteran  
871 or member, shall register any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period  
872 of at least one year by such person and shall issue a special certificate of  
873 registration and a set of number plates for each such motor vehicle,  
874 including a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates  
875 for any motor vehicle used exclusively for farming purposes by any  
876 veteran or member of the armed forces, or the surviving spouse of such  
877 veteran or member, who is engaged in agricultural production as a trade  
878 or business. The plates shall expire and be renewed as provided in  
879 section 14-22. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates, which  
880 fee shall cover the entire cost of making such plates and shall be in  
881 addition to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle. As used in this  
882 subsection, ["member of the armed forces" has the same meaning as  
883 provided in section 27-103 and "veteran" means any person (1)  
884 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
885 from active service in, the armed forces, or (2) with a qualifying  
886 condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has received a discharge

887 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed  
888 forces.] "veteran" and "armed forces" have the same meanings as  
889 provided in section 27-103, as amended by this act.

890 Sec. 22. Subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the general  
891 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
892 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

893 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously  
894 held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who has not  
895 operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the  
896 commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to  
897 the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of  
898 the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that the  
899 applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class for  
900 which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the  
901 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him  
902 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor  
903 vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant  
904 for a class D motor vehicle operator's license may be administered in  
905 such form as the commissioner deems appropriate, including audio,  
906 electronic or written testing. Such knowledge test shall be administered  
907 in English, Spanish or any language spoken at home by at least one per  
908 cent of the state's population, according to statistics prepared by the  
909 United States Census Bureau, based on the most recent decennial  
910 census. Each such knowledge test shall include a question concerning  
911 highway work zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a  
912 motor vehicle under section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall  
913 include not less than one question concerning distracted driving, the use  
914 of mobile telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators  
915 or the responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa.  
916 If any such applicant has held a license from a state, territory or  
917 possession of the United States where a similar examination is required,  
918 the commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such  
919 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the

920 date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge,  
921 held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as  
922 that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed  
923 forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's  
924 license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such  
925 applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the  
926 examination, except in the case of commercial motor vehicle licenses,  
927 the commissioner shall only waive the driving skills test for such  
928 applicant who meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77. For the  
929 purposes of this subsection, "veteran" [means any person who was  
930 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from  
931 active service in the armed forces] and "armed forces" [has] have the  
932 same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as amended by  
933 this act. When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and  
934 competency of any applicant, the commissioner may issue to such  
935 applicant a license, either unlimited or containing such limitations as the  
936 commissioner deems advisable, and specifying the class of motor  
937 vehicles which the licensee is eligible to operate.

938 Sec. 23. Subsections (e) and (f) of section 14-36h of the general statutes  
939 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
940 *October 1, 2021*):

941 (e) Any person who is a veteran may submit a request to the  
942 Department of Veterans Affairs to have his or her status as a veteran  
943 contained on his or her motor vehicle operator's license or identity card.  
944 Said department shall, not later than thirty days after receipt of such  
945 request, verify whether such person is a veteran and, if so, notify the  
946 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such request and verification. The  
947 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall indicate such person's status as a  
948 veteran on any motor vehicle operator's license or identity card issued  
949 to such person upon original issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle  
950 operator's license or identity card or upon issuance of a duplicate motor  
951 vehicle operator's license or identity card.

952 (f) As used in this section: (1) "Full legal name" means the most  
953 complete version of the name that appears on a person's certificate of  
954 birth, official passport or other document or documents accepted by the  
955 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to verify the person's identity, unless  
956 the person presents a marriage license or certificate, a certificate of civil  
957 union, a divorce decree or an order of a court of competent jurisdiction  
958 pertaining to a permanent change of the person's name; and (2)  
959 "veteran" [means (A) any person honorably discharged from, or  
960 released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed  
961 forces, as defined] has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103,  
962 as amended by this act, or [(B)] any former member of the armed forces  
963 who is entitled to retirement pay under 10 USC Chapter 1223, as  
964 amended from time to time, or, but for age, would be so entitled. [, or  
965 (C) any person with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103,  
966 who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable  
967 from active service in the armed forces.]

968 Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 14-50 of the general statutes is  
969 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
970 *1, 2021*):

971 (c) The commissioner shall waive any operator's license or  
972 registration fee, including any renewal fee, in the case of any person in  
973 the active service of the armed forces of the United States who was a  
974 legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his or her induction; and for  
975 one licensing period to any person [(1) honorably separated from such  
976 service, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103,  
977 who has separated from such service other than with a bad conduct  
978 characterization or dishonorably] who is a veteran, as defined in section  
979 27-103, as amended by this act, which person applies for such operator's  
980 license or registration within two years following the date of separation  
981 and was a legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his or her  
982 induction. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance  
983 with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

984 Sec. 25. Section 14-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
985 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

986 "Disabled veteran", as used in this section, means (1) [(A)] any  
987 veteran, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who  
988 performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, as  
989 amended by this act, and [or (B) any person with a qualifying condition,  
990 as defined in said section, who has received a discharge other than bad  
991 conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces, as  
992 defined in said section, and who performed service in time of war, and]  
993 (2) (A) one or both of whose legs or arms or parts thereof have been  
994 amputated or the use of which has been lost, (B) who is blind, paraplegic  
995 or hemiplegic, or (C) who has traumatic brain injury, any such disability  
996 described in subdivision (2) of this section being certified as service-  
997 connected by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The  
998 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, upon application of any disabled  
999 veteran accompanied by such certificate of United States Department of  
1000 Veterans Affairs, shall issue without charge a special number plate or  
1001 set of plates in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of  
1002 section 14-21b to be attached to a passenger motor vehicle owned or  
1003 operated by such disabled veteran and an identification card to be used  
1004 in connection therewith. The card shall identify the disabled veteran and  
1005 the motor vehicle and shall state that such disabled veteran is qualified  
1006 to receive the card, that the card, plate or plates shall be returned to the  
1007 commissioner if the registration of the motor vehicle is cancelled or  
1008 transferred and that the card is for the exclusive use of the disabled  
1009 veteran to whom it is issued, is not transferable and will be revoked if  
1010 presented by any other person or if any privilege granted under this  
1011 section is abused. If not so revoked, the card shall be renewable every  
1012 four years at the time of registration of motor vehicles. No penalty shall  
1013 be imposed for the overtime parking of any motor vehicle bearing a  
1014 number plate issued under this section when it has been so parked by  
1015 the disabled veteran to whom the plate and an identification card were  
1016 issued or by any person operating such vehicle when accompanied by  
1017 such disabled veteran, provided the length of time for which such



1018 vehicle may remain parked at any one location shall not exceed twenty-  
1019 four hours. The surviving spouse of a disabled veteran issued such  
1020 special registration may retain any such registration and number plates  
1021 without charge for his or her lifetime or until such time as he or she  
1022 remarries.

1023 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 17b-28i of the general statutes is  
1024 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1025 *1, 2021*):

1026 (a) To the extent permissible by federal law, the Commissioner of  
1027 Social Services shall disregard federal Aid and Attendance pension  
1028 benefits granted to a veteran or the surviving spouse of such veteran  
1029 when determining income eligibility for the state's Medicare savings,  
1030 medical assistance and energy assistance programs administered under  
1031 section 17b-2. As used in this subsection, "veteran" [means any person  
1032 (1) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
1033 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or  
1034 (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has  
1035 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active  
1036 service in the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided in  
1037 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

1038 Sec. 27. Section 19a-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1039 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1040 (a) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
1041 chapter 54, concerning (1) the methods and conditions for licensure and  
1042 certification of the operations, facilities and equipment enumerated in  
1043 section 19a-177, (2) complaint procedures for the public and any  
1044 emergency medical service organization, and (3) exemption of members  
1045 of the armed forces or the National Guard or veterans with appropriate  
1046 military training, including, but not limited to, members of the armed  
1047 forces or the National Guard or veterans with a designation by the  
1048 National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and veterans or  
1049 members of the United States Navy and Coast Guard, from training and

1050 testing requirements for emergency medical technician licensure and  
1051 certification. Such regulations shall be in conformity with the policies  
1052 and standards established by the commissioner. Such regulations shall  
1053 require that, as an express condition of the purchase of any business  
1054 holding a primary service area, the purchaser shall agree to abide by any  
1055 performance standards to which the purchased business was obligated  
1056 pursuant to its agreement with the municipality.

1057 (b) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any person who  
1058 was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable  
1059 from active service in the armed forces] and "armed forces" [has] have  
1060 the same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as  
1061 amended by this act.

1062 Sec. 28. Subsections (j) and (k) of section 20-206mm of the general  
1063 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1064 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1065 (j) The Commissioner of Public Health shall issue an emergency  
1066 medical technician certification to an applicant who is a member of the  
1067 armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran and who (1) presents  
1068 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant holds a  
1069 current certification as a person entitled to perform similar services  
1070 under a different designation by the National Registry of Emergency  
1071 Medical Technicians, or (2) satisfies the regulations promulgated  
1072 pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 19a-179, as  
1073 amended by this act. Such applicant shall be exempt from any written  
1074 or practical examination requirement for certification.

1075 (k) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any person who  
1076 was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable  
1077 from active service in the armed forces] and "armed forces" [has] have  
1078 the same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as  
1079 amended by this act.

1080 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 27-108 of the general statutes is

1081 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1082 *1, 2021*):

1083 (a) Any veteran who meets active military, naval or air service  
1084 requirements, as described in 38 USC 101, as amended from time to  
1085 time, may apply for admission to the Veterans Residential Services  
1086 facility or Healthcare Center; and any such veteran who has no adequate  
1087 means of support, and who, from disease, wounds or accident, needs  
1088 medical or surgical care and treatment or who has become mentally ill,  
1089 may be admitted to any hospital and receive necessary food, clothing,  
1090 care and treatment therein, at the expense of the state, unless other funds  
1091 or means of payment are available. Whenever a person is admitted to a  
1092 hospital, such person shall be asked if he or she is a veteran. Before a  
1093 hospital submits a bill for services pursuant to this section, such hospital  
1094 shall take sufficient steps to determine that no other funds or means of  
1095 payment are available to cover the cost of services rendered to the  
1096 veteran. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall make available to  
1097 hospitals a list of payment options and benefits available to cover  
1098 hospital costs of veterans. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any  
1099 person (1) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable  
1100 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section  
1101 27-103, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who  
1102 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
1103 active service in the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided  
1104 in section 27-103, as amended by this act.

1105 Sec. 30. Section 27-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1106 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1107 Any hospital, upon request of the commissioner, shall furnish any  
1108 veteran, determined by the commissioner to be entitled to admission  
1109 thereto, necessary food, clothing, care and treatment therein at the  
1110 expense of the state, unless other funds or means of payment are  
1111 available, and such veteran shall have preference for admission into  
1112 such hospital. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any person (1)

1113 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
1114 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or  
1115 (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has  
1116 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active  
1117 service in the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided in  
1118 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

1119 Sec. 31. Section 27-118 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1120 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1121 When any veteran dies, not having sufficient estate to pay the  
1122 necessary expenses of the veteran's last sickness and burial, as  
1123 determined by the commissioner after consultation with the probate  
1124 court for the district in which the veteran resided, the state shall pay the  
1125 sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars toward such funeral  
1126 expenses, and the burial shall be in some cemetery or plot not used  
1127 exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, and the same amount shall  
1128 be paid if the body is cremated, but no amount shall be paid for the  
1129 expenses for burial or cremation unless claim therefor is made within  
1130 one year from the date of death, except that in cases of death occurring  
1131 abroad, such claim may be made within one year after the remains of  
1132 such veteran have been interred in this country. No provision of this  
1133 section shall prevent the payment of the sum above named for the burial  
1134 of any person, otherwise entitled to the same, on account of such burial  
1135 being made outside the limits of this state. Upon satisfactory proof by  
1136 the person who has paid or provided for the funeral or burial expense  
1137 to the commissioner of the identity of the deceased, the time and place  
1138 of the deceased's death and burial and the approval thereof by the  
1139 commissioner, said sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars shall be  
1140 paid by the Comptroller to the person who has paid the funeral or burial  
1141 expense or, upon assignment by such person, to the funeral director  
1142 who has provided the funeral. Whenever the Comptroller has lawfully  
1143 paid any sum toward the expenses of the burial of any deceased veteran  
1144 and it afterwards appears that the deceased left any estate, the  
1145 Comptroller may present a claim on behalf of the state against the estate

1146 of such deceased veteran for the sum so paid, and the claim shall be a  
1147 preferred claim against such estate and shall be paid to the Treasurer of  
1148 the state. The commissioner, upon the advice of the Attorney General,  
1149 may make application for administration upon the estate of any such  
1150 deceased veteran if no other person authorized by law makes such  
1151 application within sixty days after such payment has been made by the  
1152 Comptroller. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any person (1)  
1153 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
1154 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or  
1155 (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has  
1156 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active  
1157 service in the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided in  
1158 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

1159 Sec. 32. Subsection (a) of section 27-122b of the general statutes is  
1160 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1161 *1, 2021*):

1162 (a) As used in this section, "veteran" means any person [(1) honorably  
1163 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from, active  
1164 service in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or  
1165 Coast Guard or any women's auxiliary branch thereof, organized  
1166 pursuant to an Act of Congress; (2)] who is a veteran, as defined in  
1167 section 27-103, as amended by this act, who (1) has completed at least  
1168 twenty years of qualifying service, as described in and computed under  
1169 10 USC Chapter 1223, as amended from time to time, in the Connecticut  
1170 National Guard; or [(3) who] (2) was killed in action, or who died as a  
1171 result of accident or illness sustained while performing active service, in  
1172 the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard  
1173 or any women's auxiliary branch thereof, organized pursuant to an Act  
1174 of Congress, or in the Connecticut National Guard.

1175 Sec. 33. Section 27-125 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1176 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1177 Any veteran who is a citizen of this state and who, through disability

1178 or other causes incident to service in the armed forces in time of war, is  
1179 in need of temporary financial assistance may be provided for by the  
1180 commissioner by a method similar to that provided in section 27-82, the  
1181 amount and continuance of such assistance to be discretionary with the  
1182 commissioner. The widow, widower and each child, parent, brother or  
1183 sister of any member of the armed forces, who died while in such active  
1184 service, may be assisted by the commissioner if such person or persons  
1185 are without sufficient means of support by reason of the death of such  
1186 member of the armed forces. In carrying out his or her duties under the  
1187 provisions of this section, the commissioner is directed to cooperate  
1188 with such federal agencies as may aid in securing prompt and suitable  
1189 treatment, care and relief of any such member of the armed forces or his  
1190 or her dependents. The records of the agencies of the state shall be  
1191 placed at the disposal of the commissioner and such agencies are  
1192 directed to cooperate with and to assist the commissioner in carrying  
1193 out his or her duties. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any  
1194 person (1) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable  
1195 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section  
1196 27-103, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who  
1197 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
1198 active service in the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided  
1199 in section 27-103, as amended by this act.

1200 Sec. 34. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1201 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1202 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be  
1203 expended by it in furnishing temporary income; subsistence items such  
1204 as food, wearing apparel, shelter and related expenses; medical or  
1205 surgical aid or care or relief (1) to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,  
1206 soldiers, sailors or marines (A) (i) who performed service in time of war,  
1207 as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, in any branch of the  
1208 military service of the United States, including the Connecticut National  
1209 Guard, or (ii) who were engaged in any of the wars waged by the United  
1210 States during said periods in the forces of any government associated

1211 with the United States, (B) [(i)] who [have been honorably discharged  
1212 therefrom or honorably released from active service therein, or (ii) with  
1213 a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who have received  
1214 discharges other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service  
1215 therein] are or were veterans, as defined in section 27-103, as amended  
1216 by this act, and (C) who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at  
1217 the time of entering said armed forces of the United States, including the  
1218 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, (2) to their  
1219 spouses who are living with them, (3) to their widows or widowers who  
1220 were living with them at the time of death, or (4) to dependent children  
1221 under eighteen years of age, who may be in need of the same. All such  
1222 payments shall be made by the American Legion under authority of its  
1223 bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the procedure for proof of  
1224 eligibility for such aid, provided payments made for the care and  
1225 treatment of any person entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at  
1226 any hospital receiving aid from the General Assembly unless special  
1227 care and treatment are required, shall be in accordance with the  
1228 provisions of section 17b-239, and provided the sum expended for the  
1229 care or treatment of such person at any other place than a state-aided  
1230 hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost of supporting such person  
1231 at the Healthcare Center in Rocky Hill maintained by the Department of  
1232 Veterans Affairs, unless special care and treatment are required, when  
1233 such sum as may be determined by the treasurer of such organization  
1234 may be paid therefor. Upon the completion of the trust provided for in  
1235 section 27-138, the principal fund shall revert to the State Treasury.

1236 Sec. 35. Subsection (b) of section 29-161q of the general statutes is  
1237 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1238 *1, 2021*):

1239 (b) No person hired or otherwise engaged to perform work as a  
1240 security officer, as defined in section 29-152u, shall perform the duties  
1241 of a security officer prior to being licensed as a security officer by the  
1242 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, except as  
1243 provided in subsection (h) of this section. Each applicant for a license

1244 shall complete a minimum of eight hours training in the following areas:  
1245 Basic first aid, search and seizure laws and regulations, use of force,  
1246 basic criminal justice and public safety issues. The commissioner shall  
1247 waive such training for any person who, while serving in the armed  
1248 forces or the National Guard, or if such person is a veteran, within two  
1249 years of such person's discharge from the armed forces, presents proof  
1250 that such person has completed military training that is equivalent to  
1251 the training required by this subsection, and, if applicable, such person's  
1252 military discharge document or a certified copy thereof. For the  
1253 purposes of this subsection, "veteran" [means any person who was  
1254 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from  
1255 active service in the armed forces,] and "armed forces" [has] have the  
1256 same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as amended by  
1257 this act, and "military discharge document" has the same meaning as  
1258 provided in section 1-219. The training shall be approved by the  
1259 commissioner in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to  
1260 section 29-161x. The commissioner may not grant a license to any person  
1261 who has been decertified as a police officer or otherwise had his or her  
1262 certification canceled, revoked or refused renewal pursuant to  
1263 subsection (c) of section 7-294d.

1264 (1) On and after October 1, 2008, no person or employee of an  
1265 association, corporation or partnership shall conduct such training  
1266 without the approval of the commissioner except as provided in  
1267 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Application for such approval shall  
1268 be submitted on forms prescribed by the commissioner and  
1269 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. Such application shall be made  
1270 under oath and shall contain the applicant's name, address, date and  
1271 place of birth, employment for the previous five years, education or  
1272 training in the subjects required to be taught under this subsection, any  
1273 convictions for violations of the law and such other information as the  
1274 commissioner may require by regulation adopted pursuant to section  
1275 29-161x to properly investigate the character, competency and integrity  
1276 of the applicant. No person shall be approved as an instructor for such  
1277 training who has been convicted of a felony, a sexual offense or a crime



1278 of moral turpitude or who has been denied approval as a security  
1279 service licensee, a security officer or instructor in the security industry  
1280 by any licensing authority, or whose approval has been revoked or  
1281 suspended. The term for such approval shall not exceed two years. Not  
1282 later than two business days after a change of address, any person  
1283 approved as an instructor in accordance with this section shall notify the  
1284 commissioner of such change and such notification shall include both  
1285 the old and new addresses.

1286 (2) If a security officer training course described in this subsection is  
1287 approved by the commissioner on or before September 30, 2008, the  
1288 instructor of such course shall have until April 1, 2009, to apply for  
1289 approval as an instructor in accordance with subdivision (1) of this  
1290 subsection.

1291 (3) Each person approved as an instructor in accordance with this  
1292 section may apply for the renewal of such approval on a form approved  
1293 by the commissioner, accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. Such form  
1294 may require the disclosure of any information necessary for the  
1295 commissioner to determine whether the instructor's suitability to serve  
1296 as an instructor has changed since the issuance of the prior approval.  
1297 The term of such renewed approval shall not exceed two years.

1298 Sec. 36. Subsection (c) of section 31-3w of the general statutes is  
1299 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1300 *1, 2021*):

1301 (c) (1) When contacted by a veteran who is in need of employment or  
1302 work force development services, the department shall (A) determine  
1303 whether the veteran resides closer to a work force development board  
1304 facility with a veterans unit than to a department facility offering such  
1305 employment or work force development assistance and, if so, provide  
1306 the veteran with contact information for the work force development  
1307 board, and (B) provide a veteran who expresses an interest in advanced  
1308 manufacturing, as defined in section 31-11ss, as amended by this act,  
1309 with information on the Military to Machinists program operated

1310 pursuant to section 31-11ss, as amended by this act, if such veteran may  
1311 be eligible for services from such program.

1312 (2) For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" [means any person (A)  
1313 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
1314 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or  
1315 (B) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has  
1316 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active  
1317 service in the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided in  
1318 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

1319 Sec. 37. Section 31-3zz of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1320 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1321 The Labor Commissioner shall establish a Special Operations  
1322 Resource Network to serve as a clearinghouse for veterans and  
1323 members of the armed forces and National Guard who have acquired,  
1324 as part of their military training, knowledge, experience or a set of skills  
1325 most compatible with certain professional opportunities. The Labor  
1326 Commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Veterans  
1327 Affairs and the Adjutant General, shall develop a database in which  
1328 such veterans and members are categorized based on the types of  
1329 military training received and cross-referenced against certain  
1330 professional opportunities for purposes of pairing any such veteran or  
1331 member with any such professional opportunity. Any veteran or  
1332 member of the armed forces or National Guard may apply for inclusion  
1333 in such database by submitting (1) evidence of the military training  
1334 received by such veteran or member describing the particular  
1335 knowledge, experience or set of skills acquired, and (2) if such applicant  
1336 is a veteran, such veteran's military discharge document or a certified  
1337 copy thereof. The Labor Commissioner shall evaluate any such  
1338 application, include such veteran or member in such database, and so  
1339 categorize such veteran or member as described in this section. The  
1340 Labor Commissioner shall update such database weekly and shall  
1341 publish such database on the Labor Department's Internet web site. Any

1342 person interested in hiring any such veteran or member included in  
1343 such database shall contact the department through a dedicated  
1344 telephone number and the department shall facilitate contact between  
1345 such person and such veteran or member. For the purposes of this  
1346 section, [(A)] "veteran" [means any person who was discharged or  
1347 released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service  
1348 in the armed forces, (B)] and "armed forces" [has] have the same  
1349 [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this  
1350 act, and [(C)] "military discharge document" has the same meaning as  
1351 provided in section 1-219.

1352 Sec. 38. Subsection (a) of section 31-11ss of the general statutes is  
1353 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1354 *1, 2021*):

1355 (a) As used in this section:

1356 (1) "Advanced manufacturing" means a manufacturing process that  
1357 makes extensive use of computer, high-precision or information  
1358 technologies integrated with a high-performance work force in a  
1359 production system capable of furnishing a heterogeneous mix of  
1360 products in small or large volumes with either the efficiency of mass  
1361 production or the flexibility of custom manufacturing in order to  
1362 respond quickly to customer demands. "Advanced manufacturing"  
1363 includes newly developed methods to manufacture existing products  
1364 and the manufacture of new products emerging from new advanced  
1365 technologies;

1366 (2) "Eligible business" means a business that (A) has operations in  
1367 Connecticut, (B) has been registered to conduct business for not less than  
1368 twelve months, and (C) is in good standing with respect to the payment  
1369 of all state and local taxes. "Eligible business" does not include the state  
1370 or any political subdivision thereof;

1371 (3) "Private occupational school" has the same meaning as provided  
1372 in section 10a-22a;

1373 (4) "Public institution of higher education" means any of the  
1374 institutions of higher education identified in subdivision (2) of section  
1375 10a-1;

1376 (5) "Qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate program" means  
1377 a for-credit or noncredit sub-baccalaureate advanced manufacturing  
1378 certificate program offered by a public institution of higher education  
1379 or a private occupational school in which at least seventy-five per cent  
1380 of the graduates of such certificate program are employed in a field  
1381 related to or requiring such certificate in the year following graduation;  
1382 and

1383 (6) "Veteran" [means any person (A) honorably discharged from, or  
1384 released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed  
1385 forces, as defined in section 27-103, or (B) with a qualifying condition,  
1386 as defined in section 27-103, who has received a discharge other than  
1387 bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.]  
1388 has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this  
1389 act.

1390 Sec. 39. Subsection (a) of section 31-11tt of the general statutes is  
1391 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1392 *1, 2021*):

1393 (a) Not later than October 1, 2019, the work force development board  
1394 for the southwest work force development region of the state shall  
1395 develop and operate a pilot program to be known as the Veterans  
1396 Platform to Employment Program. The program shall provide training  
1397 and subsidized employment for veterans who have experienced long-  
1398 term unemployment in a similar manner to the Platform to Employment  
1399 Program currently operated by such board. The pilot program shall  
1400 provide veterans in a region served by the program with (1) a  
1401 preparatory program that includes services such as skills assessments,  
1402 career readiness workshops, employee assistance programs and  
1403 coaching, and (2) employment assistance that includes identifying  
1404 positions at local employers and providing subsidies to employers that

1405 hire veterans for trial work experiences that may lead to continued  
1406 employment. The pilot program may offer additional services to assist  
1407 veterans, including personal and family support services and financial  
1408 counseling. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any person (A)  
1409 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions  
1410 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or  
1411 (B) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has  
1412 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active  
1413 service in the armed forces.] has the same meaning as provided in  
1414 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

1415 Sec. 40. Section 31-22u of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1416 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1417 Any member of the armed forces or National Guard or any veteran,  
1418 within two years of such veteran's discharge from the armed forces, may  
1419 submit an application for military training evaluation to the Labor  
1420 Department program of apprentice training set forth in section 31-22q.  
1421 Such application shall include (1) evidence of satisfactory completion of  
1422 a program or course of instruction as part of military training that is  
1423 equivalent in content and quality to that required for a specific trade in  
1424 this state, and (2) if such applicant is a veteran, such veteran's military  
1425 discharge document or a certified copy thereof. The Labor  
1426 Commissioner shall evaluate any such application and determine  
1427 whether the applicant's military training may be substituted for all or  
1428 part of the term of an apprenticeship program registered with the Labor  
1429 Department for a specific trade. If the commissioner determines that the  
1430 applicant's military training is equivalent to the training required for  
1431 completion of such apprenticeship program, the commissioner shall  
1432 issue such applicant a recommendation for review by the appropriate  
1433 examining board established under section 20-331. Presentation of such  
1434 recommendation, pursuant to section 20-333, shall allow such applicant  
1435 to sit for any licensure examination without participation in an  
1436 apprenticeship program. If the commissioner determines that the  
1437 applicant's military training is equivalent to part of the training required

1438 for completion of an apprenticeship program, such applicant's hours of  
1439 qualified military training, as determined by the commissioner, shall be  
1440 deducted from the hours of apprenticeship training required for the  
1441 specific trade provided (A) such applicant completes the minimum  
1442 number of hours of apprenticeship training required under federal law,  
1443 and (B) prior to implementation of this provision, the Labor Department  
1444 obtains concurrence with such provision from the federal office of  
1445 apprenticeship pursuant to 29 CFR 29.13(b)(9). For the purposes of this  
1446 section, [(i)] "veteran" [means any person who was discharged or  
1447 released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service  
1448 in the armed forces, (ii)] and "armed forces" [has] have the same  
1449 [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this  
1450 act, and [(iii)] "military discharge document" has the same meaning as  
1451 provided in section 1-219.

1452 Sec. 41. Section 51-49h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1453 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1454 (a) Any judge of the Superior Court, the Appellate Court or the  
1455 Supreme Court who first commenced service as a judge prior to January  
1456 1, 1981, may elect to receive the retirement salary provided under  
1457 subsection (b) of section 51-50. The surviving spouse of a deceased judge  
1458 who has made an election under this section shall receive the allowances  
1459 provided under subsection (b) of section 51-51.

1460 (b) Any such judge, any family support magistrate or any  
1461 compensation commissioner who is a veteran may receive credit for  
1462 retirement purposes for military service, if such judge, family support  
1463 magistrate or compensation commissioner makes retirement  
1464 contributions for each month of military service equal to one-twelfth of  
1465 five per cent of his first year's salary as a judge, family support  
1466 magistrate or compensation commissioner multiplied by the total  
1467 number of months of such military service, except that (1) no retirement  
1468 contribution shall be made for service as a prisoner of war, and (2) no  
1469 credit shall be allowed for military service to any such judge, family

1470 support magistrate or compensation commissioner who has served less  
1471 than ten years as a judge, family support magistrate or compensation  
1472 commissioner, nor for more than fifty per cent of such military service  
1473 or three years, whichever is less. Service credit for military service for  
1474 retirement purposes other than service as a prisoner of war shall not be  
1475 granted until payment of contributions is completed. Any application  
1476 for military service credit under this section for service as a prisoner of  
1477 war shall be accompanied by sufficient proof from the United States  
1478 Department of Veterans Affairs that such judge, family support  
1479 magistrate or compensation commissioner is a former prisoner of war.

1480 (c) For purposes of this section: (1) "Armed forces" means the United  
1481 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force; (2)  
1482 "veteran" [means any person honorably discharged from, or released  
1483 under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces] has  
1484 the same meaning as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this act;  
1485 (3) "military service" shall be service during World War II, December 7,  
1486 1941, to December 31, 1946; the Korean hostilities, June 27, 1950, to  
1487 October 27, 1953; and the Vietnam era, January 1, 1964, to July 1, 1975,  
1488 and shall include service as a prisoner of war.

1489 Sec. 42. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 54-56e of the general statutes  
1490 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1491 *October 1, 2021*):

1492 (a) There shall be a pretrial program for accelerated rehabilitation of  
1493 persons accused of a crime or crimes or a motor vehicle violation or  
1494 violations for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment may be  
1495 imposed, which crimes or violations are not of a serious nature. Upon  
1496 application by any such person for participation in the program, the  
1497 court shall, but only as to the public, order the court file sealed.

1498 (b) The court may, in its discretion, invoke such program on motion  
1499 of the defendant or on motion of a state's attorney or prosecuting  
1500 attorney with respect to a defendant (1) who, the court believes, will  
1501 probably not offend in the future, (2) who has no previous record of

1502 conviction of a crime or of a violation of section 14-196, subsection (c) of  
1503 section 14-215, section 14-222a, subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of  
1504 subsection (b) of section 14-224, section 14-227a or 14-227m or  
1505 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n, and (3) who  
1506 states under oath, in open court or before any person designated by the  
1507 clerk and duly authorized to administer oaths, under the penalties of  
1508 perjury, (A) that the defendant has never had such program invoked on  
1509 the defendant's behalf or that the defendant was charged with a  
1510 misdemeanor or a motor vehicle violation for which a term of  
1511 imprisonment of one year or less may be imposed and ten or more years  
1512 have passed since the date that any charge or charges for which the  
1513 program was invoked on the defendant's behalf were dismissed by the  
1514 court, or (B) with respect to a defendant who is a veteran, that the  
1515 defendant has not had such program invoked in the defendant's behalf  
1516 more than once previously, provided the defendant shall agree thereto  
1517 and provided notice has been given by the defendant, on a form  
1518 prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, to the victim  
1519 or victims of such crime or motor vehicle violation, if any, by registered  
1520 or certified mail and such victim or victims have an opportunity to be  
1521 heard thereon. Any defendant who makes application for participation  
1522 in such program shall pay to the court an application fee of thirty-five  
1523 dollars. No defendant shall be allowed to participate in the pretrial  
1524 program for accelerated rehabilitation more than two times. For the  
1525 purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any person who was  
1526 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from  
1527 active service in the armed forces as defined in section 27-103.] has the  
1528 same meaning as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this act.

1529 Sec. 43. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 54-56i of the general  
1530 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
1531 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1532 (a) There is established a pretrial drug education and community  
1533 service program for persons charged with a violation of section 21a-267,  
1534 21a-279 or 21a-279a. The pretrial drug education and community service



1535 program shall include a fifteen-session drug education program and a  
1536 substance abuse treatment program of not less than fifteen sessions, and  
1537 the performance of community service.

1538 (b) Upon application by any such person for participation in such  
1539 program, the court shall, but only as to the public, order the court file  
1540 sealed, and such person shall pay to the court of an application fee of  
1541 one hundred dollars and a nonrefundable evaluation fee of one hundred  
1542 fifty dollars. A person shall be ineligible for participation in such pretrial  
1543 drug education and community service program if such person has  
1544 twice previously participated in (1) the pretrial drug education program  
1545 established under the provisions of this section in effect prior to October  
1546 1, 2013, (2) the community service labor program established under  
1547 section 53a-39c, (3) the pretrial drug education and community service  
1548 program established under this section, or (4) any of such programs,  
1549 except that the court may allow a person who has twice previously  
1550 participated in such programs to participate in the pretrial drug  
1551 education and community service program one additional time, for  
1552 good cause shown. The evaluation and application fee imposed under  
1553 this subsection shall be credited to the pretrial account established  
1554 under section 54-56k.

1555 (c) The court, after consideration of the recommendation of the state's  
1556 attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in  
1557 charge of the case, may, in its discretion, grant such application. If the  
1558 court grants such application, the court shall refer such person (1) to the  
1559 Court Support Services Division for confirmation of the eligibility of the  
1560 applicant, (2) to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
1561 Services for evaluation and determination of an appropriate drug  
1562 education or substance abuse treatment program for the first or second  
1563 time such application is granted, and (3) to a state-licensed substance  
1564 abuse treatment program for evaluation and determination of an  
1565 appropriate substance abuse treatment program for the third time such  
1566 application is granted, except that, if such person is a veteran, the court  
1567 may refer such person to the Department of Veterans Affairs or the

1568 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, as applicable, for any  
1569 such evaluation and determination. For the purposes of this subsection  
1570 and subsection (d) of this section, "veteran" [means any person who was  
1571 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from  
1572 active service in the armed forces as defined in section 27-103.] has the  
1573 same meaning as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this act.

1574 Sec. 44. Subsection (a) of section 54-56l of the general statutes is  
1575 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1576 *1, 2021*):

1577 (a) There shall be a supervised diversionary program for persons  
1578 with psychiatric disabilities, or persons who are veterans, who are  
1579 accused of a crime or crimes or a motor vehicle violation or violations  
1580 for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment may be imposed, which  
1581 crimes or violations are not of a serious nature. For the purposes of this  
1582 section, (1) "psychiatric disability" means a mental or emotional  
1583 condition, other than solely substance abuse, that (A) has substantial  
1584 adverse effects on the defendant's ability to function, and (B) requires  
1585 care and treatment, and (2) "veteran" means a [person] veteran, as  
1586 defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who is found,  
1587 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, to have a mental health  
1588 condition that is amenable to treatment. [, and who was discharged or  
1589 released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service  
1590 in the armed forces as defined in section 27-103.]

1591 Sec. 45. Section 54-56n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1592 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1593 (a) The Judicial Branch shall collect data on the number of members  
1594 of the armed forces, veterans and nonveterans who, on and after  
1595 January 1, 2016, apply for and are granted admission or are denied entry  
1596 into (1) the pretrial program for accelerated rehabilitation established  
1597 pursuant to section 54-56e, (2) the supervised diversionary program  
1598 established pursuant to section 54-56l, or (3) the pretrial drug education  
1599 and community service program established pursuant to section 54-56i.

1600 Data compiled pursuant to this section shall be based on information  
 1601 provided by applicants at the time of application to any such program.  
 1602 For the purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any person who was  
 1603 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from  
 1604 active service in the armed forces] and "armed forces" [has] have the  
 1605 same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as amended by  
 1606 this act.

1607 (b) Not later than January 15, 2017, and annually thereafter, the  
 1608 Judicial Branch shall submit a report detailing the data compiled for the  
 1609 previous calendar year pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the  
 1610 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
 1611 of matters relating to veterans' and military affairs and the judiciary, in  
 1612 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-103
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	4-61bb(a)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	4a-59(c)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	5-196(28)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	7-294d(b)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	8-75
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10-5(a) to (c)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10-221a(i)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-77(d)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-99(d)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-105(e)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-149d(a)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-161d(a)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2021, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2021</i>	12-81(19)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2021, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2021</i>	12-81(22)

Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2021, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2021</i>	12-81(25)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2021, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2021</i>	12-81jj(b)(2)
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2021, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2021</i>	12-93
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-217pp(a)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-412(63)(D)
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-20b(a)
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-36(e)(3)
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-36h(e) and (f)
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-50(c)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-254
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	17b-28i(a)
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	19a-179
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	20-206mm(j) and (k)
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-108(a)
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-109
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-118
Sec. 32	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-122b(a)
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-125
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-140
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-161q(b)
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-3w(c)
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-3zz
Sec. 38	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-11ss(a)
Sec. 39	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-11tt(a)
Sec. 40	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-22u
Sec. 41	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	51-49h
Sec. 42	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-56e(a) and (b)
Sec. 43	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-56i(a) to (c)
Sec. 44	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-56l(a)
Sec. 45	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-56n

**Statement of Purpose:**

To redefine "veteran" and to establish a Qualified Condition Review Board.

*[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.]*

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