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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF VETERAN.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2021*):

4 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as
5 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,
6 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve
7 component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard
8 performing duty as provided in Title 32 of the United States Code, as
9 amended from time to time; (2) "veteran" means any person (A)
10 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions
11 from active service in, the armed forces, [;] (B) with a qualifying
12 condition, as defined in this section, who has received a discharge other
13 than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed
14 forces, or (C) with an administrative decision from the United States
15 Department of Veteran Affairs stating the veteran's service is honorable
16 or honorable for said department's purposes; (3) "service in time of war"

17 means service of ninety or more cumulative days during a period of war
18 unless separated from service earlier because of an injury incurred or
19 aggravated in the line of duty or a service-connected disability rated by
20 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, except that if the
21 period of war lasted less than ninety days, "service in time of war"
22 means service for the entire such period of war unless separated because
23 of any such injury or disability; (4) "period of war" has the same meaning
24 as provided in 38 USC 101, as amended from time to time, except that
25 the "Vietnam Era" means the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and
26 ending on July 1, 1975, in all cases; and "period of war" shall include
27 service while engaged in combat or a combat support role in Lebanon,
28 July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982, to March 30,
29 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; Operation
30 Earnest Will, involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the
31 United States flag in the Persian Gulf, July 24, 1987, to August 1, 1990;
32 and Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall include
33 service during such periods with the armed forces of any government
34 associated with the United States; and (5) "qualifying condition" means
35 a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury
36 made by, or an experience of military sexual trauma, as described in 38
37 USC 1720D, as amended from time to time, disclosed to, an individual
38 licensed to provide health care services at a United States Department
39 of Veterans Affairs facility.

40 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 1-219 of the general statutes is
41 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
42 *1, 2021*):

43 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Armed forces" means the Army, Navy,
44 Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United States; (2)
45 "veteran" [means any person honorably discharged from, or released
46 under honorable conditions from active service or reserve status in the
47 armed forces] has the same meaning provided in section 27-103, as
48 amended by this act; (3) "military discharge document" means a United
49 States Department of Defense form, including, but not limited to, a DD
50 214 form, or any valid paper that evidences the service, discharge or

51 retirement of a veteran from the armed forces that contains personal
52 information such as a service number or Social Security number; (4)
53 "person" means any individual or entity, including, but not limited to, a
54 relative of a veteran, a licensed funeral director or embalmer, an
55 attorney-at-law, an attorney-in-fact, an insurance company or a
56 veterans' advocate; and (5) "public agency" or "agency" means a public
57 agency, as defined in section 1-200.

58 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 4-61bb of the general statutes is
59 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
60 *1, 2021*):

61 (a) For the purposes of this section, "licensing authority" means the
62 Department of Consumer Protection, the Department of Emergency
63 Services and Public Protection, the Labor Department, the Department
64 of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Public Health, the Board of
65 Regents for Higher Education, the Office of Higher Education, the Board
66 of Trustees of The University of Connecticut or the Police Officer
67 Standards and Training Council; "service member" means a member of
68 the armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran; "armed forces" has
69 the same meaning as [set forth] provided in section 27-103, as amended
70 by this act; and "veteran" [means any person who was discharged or
71 released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service
72 in the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in section 27-
73 103, as amended by this act.

74 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 4a-59 of the general statutes is
75 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
76 *1, 2021*):

77 (c) All open market orders or contracts shall be awarded to (1) the
78 lowest responsible qualified bidder, the qualities of the articles to be
79 supplied, their conformity with the specifications, their suitability to the
80 requirements of the state government and the delivery terms being
81 taken into consideration and, at the discretion of the Commissioner of
82 Administrative Services, life-cycle costs and trade-in or resale value of

83 the articles may be considered where it appears to be in the best interest
84 of the state, (2) the highest scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid, in
85 accordance with the criteria set forth in the bid solicitation for the
86 contract, or (3) the proposer whose proposal is deemed by the awarding
87 authority to be the most advantageous to the state, in accordance with
88 the criteria set forth in the request for proposals, including price and
89 evaluation factors. Notwithstanding any provision of the general
90 statutes to the contrary, each state agency awarding a contract through
91 competitive negotiation shall include price as an explicit factor in the
92 criteria in the request for proposals and for the contract award. In
93 considering past performance of a bidder for the purpose of
94 determining the "lowest responsible qualified bidder" or the "highest
95 scoring bidder in a multiple criteria bid", the commissioner shall
96 evaluate the skill, ability and integrity of the bidder in terms of the
97 bidder's fulfillment of past contract obligations and the bidder's
98 experience or lack of experience in delivering supplies, materials,
99 equipment or contractual services of the size or amount for which bids
100 have been solicited. In determining the lowest responsible qualified
101 bidder for the purposes of this section, the commissioner may give a
102 price preference of up to ten per cent for (A) the purchase of goods made
103 with recycled materials or the purchase of recyclable or remanufactured
104 products if the commissioner determines that such preference would
105 promote recycling or remanufacturing. As used in this subsection,
106 "recyclable" means able to be collected, separated or otherwise
107 recovered from the solid waste stream for reuse, or for use in the
108 manufacture or assembly of another package or product, by means of a
109 recycling program which is reasonably available to at least seventy-five
110 per cent of the state's population, "remanufactured" means restored to
111 its original function and thereby diverted from the solid waste stream
112 by retaining the bulk of components that have been used at least once
113 and by replacing consumable components and "remanufacturing"
114 means any process by which a product is remanufactured; (B) the
115 purchase of motor vehicles powered by a clean alternative fuel; (C) the
116 purchase of motor vehicles powered by fuel other than a clean
117 alternative fuel and conversion equipment to convert such motor

118 vehicles allowing the vehicles to be powered by either the exclusive use
119 of clean alternative fuel or dual use of a clean alternative fuel and a fuel
120 other than a clean alternative fuel. As used in this subsection, "clean
121 alternative fuel" means natural gas, electricity, hydrogen or propane
122 when used as a motor vehicle fuel; or (D) the purchase of goods or
123 services from a micro business, except that, in the case of a veteran-
124 owned micro business, the commissioner may give a price preference of
125 up to fifteen per cent. As used in this subsection, "micro business" means
126 a business with gross revenues not exceeding three million dollars in the
127 most recently completed fiscal year, "veteran-owned micro business"
128 means a micro business of which at least fifty-one per cent of the
129 ownership is held by one or more veterans and "veteran" [means any
130 person (i) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable
131 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section
132 27-103, or (ii) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who
133 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
134 active service in the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in
135 section 27-103, as amended by this act. All other factors being equal,
136 preference shall be given to supplies, materials and equipment
137 produced, assembled or manufactured in the state and services
138 originating and provided in the state. Except with regard to contracts
139 that may be paid for with United States Department of Transportation
140 funds, if any such bidder refuses to accept, within ten days, a contract
141 awarded to such bidder, such contract may be awarded to the next
142 lowest responsible qualified bidder or the next highest scoring bidder in
143 a multiple criteria bid, whichever is applicable, and so on until such
144 contract is awarded and accepted. Except with regard to contracts that
145 may be paid for with United States Department of Transportation funds,
146 if any such proposer refuses to accept, within ten days, a contract
147 awarded to such proposer, such contract shall be awarded to the next
148 most advantageous proposer, and so on until the contract is awarded
149 and accepted. There shall be a written evaluation made of each bid. This
150 evaluation shall identify the vendors and their respective costs and
151 prices, document the reason why any vendor is deemed to be
152 nonresponsive and recommend a vendor for award. A contract valued

153 at one million dollars or more shall be awarded to a bidder other than
154 the lowest responsible qualified bidder or the highest scoring bidder in
155 a multiple criteria bid, whichever is applicable, only with written
156 approval signed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services and
157 by the Comptroller. The commissioner shall post on the department's
158 Internet web site all awards made pursuant to the provisions of this
159 section.

160 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 7-294d of the general statutes is
161 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
162 *1, 2021*):

163 (b) No person may be employed as a police officer by any law
164 enforcement unit for a period exceeding one year unless such person
165 has been certified under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
166 or has been granted an extension by the council. No person may serve
167 as a police officer during any period when such person's certification
168 has been cancelled or revoked pursuant to the provisions of subsection
169 (c) of this section. In addition to the requirements of this subsection, the
170 council may establish other qualifications for the employment of police
171 officers and require evidence of fulfillment of these qualifications. The
172 certification of any police officer who is not employed by a law
173 enforcement unit for a period of time in excess of two years, unless such
174 officer is on leave of absence, shall be considered lapsed. Upon
175 reemployment as a police officer, such officer shall apply for
176 recertification in a manner provided by the council, provided such
177 recertification process requires the police officer to submit to a urinalysis
178 drug test that screens for controlled substances, including, but not
179 limited to, anabolic steroids, and receive a result indicating no presence
180 of any controlled substance not prescribed for the officer. The council
181 shall certify any applicant who presents evidence of satisfactory
182 completion of a program or course of instruction in another state or, if
183 the applicant is a veteran or a member of the armed forces or the
184 National Guard, as part of training during service in the armed forces,
185 that is equivalent in content and quality to that required in this state,
186 provided such applicant passes an examination or evaluation as

187 required by the council. For the purposes of this section, "veteran"
188 [means any person who was discharged or released under conditions
189 other than dishonorable from active service in the armed forces] and
190 "armed forces" [has] have the same [meaning] meanings as provided in
191 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

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

194 As among applicants eligible for occupancy at the rent involved
195 whose needs for housing accommodations are substantially equal, as
196 determined by the developer, preference shall be given to veterans. As
197 used in this section, "veteran" [means any person (1) honorably
198 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active
199 service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or (2) with a
200 qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has received a
201 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in
202 the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of
203 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

204 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 10-5 of the general statutes is repealed
205 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

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

215 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes is
216 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
217 *1, 2021*):

218 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the
219 Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of a
220 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be
221 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such
222 armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
223 admission to such institution and is a resident of the state at the time
224 such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject to the
225 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any [(A)] veteran, as
226 defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who performed
227 service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this
228 act, [or (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section,
229 who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable
230 from active service in the armed forces and who performed service in
231 time of war,] except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time
232 of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
233 academy, which veteran [or person] has been accepted for admission to
234 such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran
235 [or person] is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any
236 resident of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been
237 accepted for admission to such institution, provided (A) such resident
238 is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular
239 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number
240 of students other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to
241 this subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to
242 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating
243 all such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police
244 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
245 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits
246 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the
247 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by
248 the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member
249 in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for
250 admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
251 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, (6) for any
252 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or

253 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
254 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
255 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
256 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent
257 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
258 resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the state
259 who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of
260 Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9) for
261 any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving spouse
262 of a person who was killed in action while performing active military
263 duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after September
264 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person who receives
265 a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also
266 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver
267 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.
268 Veterans and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and
269 members of the National Guard described in subdivision (5) of this
270 subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving
271 tuition waivers in registering for courses at Connecticut state
272 universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used
273 in this subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less
274 than one year.

275 Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes is
276 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
277 *1, 2021*):

278 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
279 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
280 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
281 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
282 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for admission
283 to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of the state at the time
284 such child is accepted for admission to said institution, (2) subject to the
285 provisions of subsection (f) of this section, for any [(A)] veteran, as
286 defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who performed

287 service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this
288 act, [or (B) person with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section,
289 who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable
290 from active service in the armed forces and who performed service in
291 time of war,] except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time
292 of war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
293 academy, which veteran [or person] has been accepted for admission to
294 said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran [or
295 person] is accepted for admission to said institution, (3) for any resident
296 of the state sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
297 admission to said institution, provided (A) such resident is enrolled in
298 a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration
299 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students
300 other than those residents eligible for waivers pursuant to this
301 subdivision to offer the course in which such resident intends to enroll
302 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all such
303 students, (4) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air
304 National Guard who (A) has been certified by the Adjutant General or
305 such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of the
306 guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for admission to said institution
307 on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate or graduate
308 degree-granting program, (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police
309 officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary
310 police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of
311 a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state
312 employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (6) for
313 any resident of the state who is the dependent child or surviving spouse
314 of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of the state, (7) for any
315 dependent child of a resident of the state who was killed in a
316 multivehicle crash at or near the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and
317 Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state
318 who is a dependent child or surviving spouse of a person who was
319 killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed
320 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was
321 a resident of this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in

322 accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives
323 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be
324 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans
325 and persons described in subdivision (2) of this subsection and members
326 of the National Guard described in subdivision (4) of this subsection
327 shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers
328 in registering for courses at The University of Connecticut.
329 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this
330 subsection, "domiciled in this state" includes domicile for less than one
331 year.

332 Sec. 10. Subsection (i) of section 10-221a of the general statutes is
333 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
334 *1, 2021*):

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

345 (2) A local or regional board of education may award a diploma to
346 any person who (A) withdrew from high school prior to graduation to
347 work in a job that assisted the war effort during World War II, December
348 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946, inclusive, (B) did not receive a diploma as
349 a consequence of such work, and (C) has been a resident of the state for
350 at least fifty consecutive years.

351 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 10a-149d of the general statutes is
352 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
353 *1, 2021*):

354 (a) An institution of higher education shall award college credit for
355 military occupational specialty training to a member of the armed forces
356 or the National Guard or a veteran who enrolls at such institution and
357 has experience in a military occupation recognized by such institution
358 as substituting for or meeting the requirements of a particular course of
359 study. For the purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any person
360 who was discharged or released under conditions other than
361 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces] and "armed
362 forces" [has] have the same [meaning] meanings as provided in section
363 27-103, as amended by this act.

364 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 10a-161d of the general statutes is
365 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
366 *1, 2021*):

367 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

383 (3) "Institutional financial aid" means funds set aside from the
384 anticipated tuition revenue of an institution of higher education for the
385 purposes of providing tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for

386 educational expenses and student employment for full-time or part-
387 time students who are enrolled in a degree-granting program or a
388 precollege remedial program and who demonstrate substantial
389 financial need; and

390 (4) "Public institution of higher education" means those institutions
391 of higher education identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 10a-
392 1.

393 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 12-217pp of the general statutes is
394 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
395 *1, 2021*):

396 (a) As used in this section:

397 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and
398 Community Development;

399 (2) "Control", with respect to a corporation, means ownership,
400 directly or indirectly, of stock possessing fifty per cent or more of the
401 total combined voting power of all classes of the stock of such
402 corporation entitled to vote. "Control", with respect to a trust, means
403 ownership, directly or indirectly, of fifty per cent or more of the
404 beneficial interest in the principal or income of such trust. The
405 ownership of stock in a corporation, of a capital or profits interest in a
406 partnership, limited liability company or association or of a beneficial
407 interest in a trust shall be determined in accordance with the rules for
408 constructive ownership of stock provided in Section 267(c) of the
409 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
410 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
411 amended, other than paragraph (3) of said Section 267(c);

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

416 (4) "Income year" means, with respect to entities subject to the
417 insurance premiums tax under chapter 207, the corporation business tax
418 under this chapter, the utility companies tax under chapter 212 or the
419 income tax under chapter 229, the income year as determined under
420 each of said chapters, as the case may be;

421 (5) "New employee" means a person who resides in this state and is
422 hired by a taxpayer on or after January 1, 2012, and prior to January 1,
423 2014, to fill a new job. "New employee" does not include a person who
424 was employed in this state by a related person with respect to a taxpayer
425 during the prior twelve months;

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

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

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

439 (B) Is (i) receiving vocational rehabilitation services from the
440 Department of Aging and Disability Services, (ii) receiving employment
441 services from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
442 or (iii) participating in employment opportunities and day services, as
443 defined in section 17a-226, operated or funded by the Department of
444 Developmental Services;

445 (8) "Related person" means (A) a corporation, limited liability
446 company, partnership, association or trust controlled by the taxpayer,

447 (B) an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership,
448 association or trust that is in control of the taxpayer, (C) a corporation,
449 limited liability company, partnership, association or trust controlled by
450 an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership,
451 association or trust that is in control of the taxpayer, or (D) a member of
452 the same controlled group as the taxpayer;

453 (9) "Taxpayer" means a person that (A) has been in business for at
454 least twelve consecutive months prior to the date of the taxpayer's
455 application to the commissioner for certification under this section for a
456 job expansion tax credit, and (B) is subject to tax under this chapter or
457 chapter 207, 212 or 229; and

458 (10) "Veteran employee" means a new employee who, at the time of
459 hiring by the taxpayer, is a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, as
460 amended by this act, or is a member of [, was honorably discharged from
461 or released under honorable conditions from active service in] the
462 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act.

463 Sec. 14. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (63) of section 12-412 of the
464 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
465 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

466 (D) The Department of Revenue Services may issue a farmer tax
467 exemption permit to a farmer, notwithstanding the fact that, in the
468 farmer's immediately preceding taxable year, such farmer's gross
469 income from agricultural production engaged in as a trade or business
470 may have been less than two thousand five hundred dollars, provided
471 (i) such farmer purchased, during such farmer's current or immediately
472 preceding taxable year, an agricultural trade or business from a seller
473 who was issued a farmer tax exemption permit by such department at
474 the time of such purchase and such agricultural production shall be
475 carried on as a trade or business by such purchaser during the period
476 commencing upon the purchase and ending two years after the date of
477 purchase. Such purchaser shall be liable for the tax otherwise imposed,
478 during the period commencing upon such purchase and ending two

479 years after the date of purchase, if such agricultural production is not
480 carried on as a trade or business by such purchaser during the period
481 commencing upon such purchase and ending two years after the date
482 of purchase; or (ii) such farmer is a veteran who has never owned or
483 leased property for the purpose of commercial agricultural production
484 or who has owned or leased property for the purpose of commercial
485 agricultural production for less than two years. Such veteran farmer
486 shall be liable for the tax otherwise imposed, during the period
487 commencing upon issuance of a farmer tax exemption permit pursuant
488 to this subparagraph and ending two years after the date of such
489 issuance, if such agricultural production is not carried on as a trade or
490 business by such veteran farmer during the period commencing upon
491 such issuance and ending two years after the date of such issuance. As
492 used in this subparagraph, "veteran" [means any person (1) honorably
493 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active
494 service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or (2) with a
495 qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has received a
496 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in
497 the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of
498 section 27-103, as amended by this act.

499 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 14-20b of the general statutes is
500 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
501 *1, 2021*):

502 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any veteran
503 or member of the armed forces or the surviving spouse of such veteran
504 or member, shall register any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period
505 of at least one year by such person and shall issue a special certificate of
506 registration and a set of number plates for each such motor vehicle,
507 including a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates
508 for any motor vehicle used exclusively for farming purposes by any
509 veteran or member of the armed forces, or the surviving spouse of such
510 veteran or member, who is engaged in agricultural production as a trade
511 or business. The plates shall expire and be renewed as provided in
512 section 14-22. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates, which

513 fee shall cover the entire cost of making such plates and shall be in
514 addition to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle. As used in this
515 subsection, ["member of the armed forces" has the same meaning as
516 provided in section 27-103] "armed forces" and "veteran" [means any
517 person (1) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable
518 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, or (2) with a
519 qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has received a
520 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in
521 the armed forces] have the same meanings as provided in subsection (a)
522 of section 27-103, as amended by this act.

523 Sec. 16. Subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the general
524 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
525 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

526 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously
527 held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who has not
528 operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the
529 commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to
530 the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of
531 the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that the
532 applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class for
533 which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the
534 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him
535 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor
536 vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant
537 for a class D motor vehicle operator's license may be administered in
538 such form as the commissioner deems appropriate, including audio,
539 electronic or written testing. Such knowledge test shall be administered
540 in English, Spanish or any language spoken at home by at least one per
541 cent of the state's population, according to statistics prepared by the
542 United States Census Bureau, based on the most recent decennial
543 census. Each such knowledge test shall include a question concerning
544 highway work zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a
545 motor vehicle under section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall
546 include not less than one question concerning distracted driving, the use

547 of mobile telephones and electronic devices by motor vehicle operators
548 or the responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa.
549 If any such applicant has held a license from a state, territory or
550 possession of the United States where a similar examination is required,
551 the commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such
552 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the
553 date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge,
554 held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as
555 that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed
556 forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's
557 license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such
558 applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the
559 examination, except in the case of commercial motor vehicle licenses,
560 the commissioner shall only waive the driving skills test for such
561 applicant who meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77. For the
562 purposes of this subsection, "veteran" [means any person who was
563 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from
564 active service in the armed forces] and "armed forces" [has] have the
565 same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as amended by
566 this act. When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and
567 competency of any applicant, the commissioner may issue to such
568 applicant a license, either unlimited or containing such limitations as the
569 commissioner deems advisable, and specifying the class of motor
570 vehicles which the licensee is eligible to operate.

571 Sec. 17. Subsections (e) and (f) of section 14-36h of the general statutes
572 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
573 *October 1, 2021*):

574 (e) Any person who is a veteran may submit a request to the
575 Department of Veterans Affairs to have his or her status as a veteran
576 contained on his or her motor vehicle operator's license or identity card.
577 Said department shall, not later than thirty days after receipt of such
578 request, verify whether such person is a veteran and, if so, notify the
579 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such request and verification. The
580 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall indicate such person's status as a

581 veteran on any motor vehicle operator's license or identity card issued
582 to such person upon original issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle
583 operator's license or identity card or upon issuance of a duplicate motor
584 vehicle operator's license or identity card.

585 (f) As used in this section: (1) "Full legal name" means the most
586 complete version of the name that appears on a person's certificate of
587 birth, official passport or other document or documents accepted by the
588 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to verify the person's identity, unless
589 the person presents a marriage license or certificate, a certificate of civil
590 union, a divorce decree or an order of a court of competent jurisdiction
591 pertaining to a permanent change of the person's name; and (2)
592 "veteran" [means (A) any person honorably discharged from, or
593 released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed
594 forces, as defined in section 27-103,] (A) has the same meaning as
595 provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act, or
596 (B) means any former member of the armed forces who is entitled to
597 retirement pay under 10 USC Chapter 1223, as amended from time to
598 time, or, but for age, would be so entitled. [or (C) any person with a
599 qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has received a
600 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in
601 the armed forces.]

602 Sec. 18. Subsection (c) of section 14-50 of the general statutes is
603 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
604 *1, 2021*):

605 (c) The commissioner shall waive any operator's license or
606 registration fee, including any renewal fee, in the case of any person in
607 the active service of the armed forces of the United States who was a
608 legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his or her induction; and for
609 one licensing period to any [person (1) honorably separated from such
610 service, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103,
611 who has separated from such service other than with a bad conduct
612 characterization or dishonorably] veteran, as defined in section 27-103,
613 as amended by this act, which [person] veteran applies for such

614 operator's license or registration within two years following the date of
615 separation and was a legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his or
616 her induction. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance
617 with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

618 Sec. 19. Section 14-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the
619 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

620 "Disabled veteran", as used in this section, means (1) [(A)] any veteran
621 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act,
622 who performed service in time of war, as defined in section 27-103, as
623 amended by this act, [or (B) any person with a qualifying condition, as
624 defined in said section, who has received a discharge other than bad
625 conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces, as
626 defined in said section, and who performed service in time of war,] and
627 (2) (A) one or both of whose legs or arms or parts thereof have been
628 amputated or the use of which has been lost, (B) who is blind, paraplegic
629 or hemiplegic, or (C) who has traumatic brain injury, any such disability
630 described in subdivision (2) of this section being certified as service-
631 connected by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The
632 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, upon application of any disabled
633 veteran accompanied by such certificate of United States Department of
634 Veterans Affairs, shall issue without charge a special number plate or
635 set of plates in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of
636 section 14-21b to be attached to a passenger motor vehicle owned or
637 operated by such disabled veteran and an identification card to be used
638 in connection therewith. The card shall identify the disabled veteran and
639 the motor vehicle and shall state that such disabled veteran is qualified
640 to receive the card, that the card, plate or plates shall be returned to the
641 commissioner if the registration of the motor vehicle is cancelled or
642 transferred and that the card is for the exclusive use of the disabled
643 veteran to whom it is issued, is not transferable and will be revoked if
644 presented by any other person or if any privilege granted under this
645 section is abused. If not so revoked, the card shall be renewable every
646 four years at the time of registration of motor vehicles. No penalty shall
647 be imposed for the overtime parking of any motor vehicle bearing a

648 number plate issued under this section when it has been so parked by
649 the disabled veteran to whom the plate and an identification card were
650 issued or by any person operating such vehicle when accompanied by
651 such disabled veteran, provided the length of time for which such
652 vehicle may remain parked at any one location shall not exceed twenty-
653 four hours. The surviving spouse of a disabled veteran issued such
654 special registration may retain any such registration and number plates
655 without charge for his or her lifetime or until such time as he or she
656 remarries.

657 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 17b-28i of the general statutes is
658 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
659 *1, 2021*):

660 (a) To the extent permissible by federal law, the Commissioner of
661 Social Services shall disregard federal Aid and Attendance pension
662 benefits granted to a veteran or the surviving spouse of such veteran
663 when determining income eligibility for the state's Medicare savings,
664 medical assistance and energy assistance programs administered under
665 section 17b-2. As used in this subsection, "veteran" [means any person
666 (1) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions
667 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or
668 (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
669 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active
670 service in the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in
671 subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act.

672 Sec. 21. Section 19a-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the
673 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

674 (a) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
675 chapter 54, concerning (1) the methods and conditions for licensure and
676 certification of the operations, facilities and equipment enumerated in
677 section 19a-177, (2) complaint procedures for the public and any
678 emergency medical service organization, and (3) exemption of members
679 of the armed forces or the National Guard or veterans with appropriate

680 military training, including, but not limited to, members of the armed
681 forces or the National Guard or veterans with a designation by the
682 National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and veterans or
683 members of the United States Navy and Coast Guard, from training and
684 testing requirements for emergency medical technician licensure and
685 certification. Such regulations shall be in conformity with the policies
686 and standards established by the commissioner. Such regulations shall
687 require that, as an express condition of the purchase of any business
688 holding a primary service area, the purchaser shall agree to abide by any
689 performance standards to which the purchased business was obligated
690 pursuant to its agreement with the municipality.

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

696 Sec. 22. Subsections (j) and (k) of section 20-206mm of the general
697 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
698 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

699 (j) The Commissioner of Public Health shall issue an emergency
700 medical technician certification to an applicant who is a member of the
701 armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran and who (1) presents
702 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant holds a
703 current certification as a person entitled to perform similar services
704 under a different designation by the National Registry of Emergency
705 Medical Technicians, or (2) satisfies the regulations promulgated
706 pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 19a-179, as
707 amended by this act. Such applicant shall be exempt from any written
708 or practical examination requirement for certification.

709 (k) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any person who
710 was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable
711 from active service in the armed forces] and "armed forces" [has] have

712 the same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as
713 amended by this act.

714 Sec. 23. Section 27-100g of the general statutes is repealed and the
715 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

716 The Department of Veterans Affairs shall establish, within available
717 resources, a Connecticut women veterans' program to (1) conduct
718 outreach to women veterans for the purpose of improving awareness of
719 eligibility for federal and state veterans' benefits and services; (2)
720 conduct assessments of the needs of women veterans with respect to
721 benefits and services; (3) review programs, research projects and other
722 initiatives designed to address or meet the needs of Connecticut's
723 women veterans; (4) submit recommendations for improving benefits
724 and services available to women veterans to the Commissioner of
725 Veterans Affairs and, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,
726 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
727 cognizance of matters relating to military and veterans' affairs on
728 January 15, 2016, and annually thereafter; and (5) incorporate women
729 veterans' issues in strategic planning concerning benefits and services.
730 The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54
731 to supplement and implement the provisions of this section. For the
732 purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any person who was
733 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from
734 active service in the armed forces] and "armed forces" [has] have the
735 same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as amended by
736 this act.

737 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 27-108 of the general statutes is
738 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
739 *1, 2021*):

740 (a) Any veteran who meets active military, naval or air service
741 requirements, as described in 38 USC 101, as amended from time to
742 time, may apply for admission to the Veterans Residential Services
743 facility or Healthcare Center; and any such veteran who has no adequate

744 means of support, and who, from disease, wounds or accident, needs
745 medical or surgical care and treatment or who has become mentally ill,
746 may be admitted to any hospital and receive necessary food, clothing,
747 care and treatment therein, at the expense of the state, unless other funds
748 or means of payment are available. Whenever a person is admitted to a
749 hospital, such person shall be asked if he or she is a veteran. Before a
750 hospital submits a bill for services pursuant to this section, such hospital
751 shall take sufficient steps to determine that no other funds or means of
752 payment are available to cover the cost of services rendered to the
753 veteran. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall make available to
754 hospitals a list of payment options and benefits available to cover
755 hospital costs of veterans. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any
756 person (1) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable
757 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section
758 27-103, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who
759 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
760 active service in the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in
761 subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act.

762 Sec. 25. Section 27-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the
763 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

764 Any hospital, upon request of the commissioner, shall furnish any
765 veteran, determined by the commissioner to be entitled to admission
766 thereto, necessary food, clothing, care and treatment therein at the
767 expense of the state, unless other funds or means of payment are
768 available, and such veteran shall have preference for admission into
769 such hospital. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any person (1)
770 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions
771 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or
772 (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
773 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active
774 service in the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in
775 subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act.

776 Sec. 26. Section 27-118 of the general statutes is repealed and the

777 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

778 When any veteran dies, not having sufficient estate to pay the
779 necessary expenses of the veteran's last sickness and burial, as
780 determined by the commissioner after consultation with the probate
781 court for the district in which the veteran resided, the state shall pay the
782 sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars toward such funeral
783 expenses, and the burial shall be in some cemetery or plot not used
784 exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, and the same amount shall
785 be paid if the body is cremated, but no amount shall be paid for the
786 expenses for burial or cremation unless claim therefor is made within
787 one year from the date of death, except that in cases of death occurring
788 abroad, such claim may be made within one year after the remains of
789 such veteran have been interred in this country. No provision of this
790 section shall prevent the payment of the sum above named for the burial
791 of any person, otherwise entitled to the same, on account of such burial
792 being made outside the limits of this state. Upon satisfactory proof by
793 the person who has paid or provided for the funeral or burial expense
794 to the commissioner of the identity of the deceased, the time and place
795 of the deceased's death and burial and the approval thereof by the
796 commissioner, said sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars shall be
797 paid by the Comptroller to the person who has paid the funeral or burial
798 expense or, upon assignment by such person, to the funeral director
799 who has provided the funeral. Whenever the Comptroller has lawfully
800 paid any sum toward the expenses of the burial of any deceased veteran
801 and it afterwards appears that the deceased left any estate, the
802 Comptroller may present a claim on behalf of the state against the estate
803 of such deceased veteran for the sum so paid, and the claim shall be a
804 preferred claim against such estate and shall be paid to the Treasurer of
805 the state. The commissioner, upon the advice of the Attorney General,
806 may make application for administration upon the estate of any such
807 deceased veteran if no other person authorized by law makes such
808 application within sixty days after such payment has been made by the
809 Comptroller. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any person (1)
810 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions

811 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or
812 (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who has
813 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active
814 service in the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in
815 subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act.

816 Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 27-122b of the general statutes is
817 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
818 *1, 2021*):

819 (a) As used in this section, "veteran" means [any person (1) honorably
820 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from, active
821 service in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or
822 Coast Guard or any women's auxiliary branch thereof, organized
823 pursuant to an Act of Congress;] (1) a veteran, as defined in section 27-
824 103, as amended by this act; and (2) (A) who has completed at least
825 twenty years of qualifying service, as described in and computed under
826 10 USC Chapter 1223, as amended from time to time, in the Connecticut
827 National Guard, [;] or [(3)] (B) who was killed in action, or who died as
828 a result of accident or illness sustained while performing active service,
829 in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast
830 Guard or any women's auxiliary branch thereof, organized pursuant to
831 an Act of Congress, or in the Connecticut National Guard.

832 Sec. 28. Section 27-125 of the general statutes is repealed and the
833 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

834 Any veteran who is a citizen of this state and who, through disability
835 or other causes incident to service in the armed forces in time of war, is
836 in need of temporary financial assistance may be provided for by the
837 commissioner by a method similar to that provided in section 27-82, the
838 amount and continuance of such assistance to be discretionary with the
839 commissioner. The widow, widower and each child, parent, brother or
840 sister of any member of the armed forces, who died while in such active
841 service, may be assisted by the commissioner if such person or persons
842 are without sufficient means of support by reason of the death of such

843 member of the armed forces. In carrying out his or her duties under the
844 provisions of this section, the commissioner is directed to cooperate
845 with such federal agencies as may aid in securing prompt and suitable
846 treatment, care and relief of any such member of the armed forces or his
847 or her dependents. The records of the agencies of the state shall be
848 placed at the disposal of the commissioner and such agencies are
849 directed to cooperate with and to assist the commissioner in carrying
850 out his or her duties. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any
851 person (1) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable
852 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section
853 27-103, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in said section, who
854 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
855 active service in the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in
856 subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act.

857 Sec. 29. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
858 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

859 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
860 expended by it in furnishing temporary income; subsistence items such
861 as food, wearing apparel, shelter and related expenses; medical or
862 surgical aid or care or relief (1) to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,
863 soldiers, sailors or marines (A) (i) who performed service in time of war,
864 as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, in any branch of the
865 military service of the United States, including the Connecticut National
866 Guard, or (ii) who were engaged in any of the wars waged by the United
867 States during said periods in the forces of any government associated
868 with the United States, (B) [(i) who have been honorably discharged
869 therefrom or honorably released from active service therein, or (ii) with
870 a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who have received
871 discharges other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service
872 therein,] who were veterans, as defined in section 27-103, as amended
873 by this act, and (C) who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at
874 the time of entering said armed forces of the United States, including the
875 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, (2) to their
876 spouses who are living with them, (3) to their widows or widowers who

877 were living with them at the time of death, or (4) to dependent children
878 under eighteen years of age, who may be in need of the same. All such
879 payments shall be made by the American Legion under authority of its
880 bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the procedure for proof of
881 eligibility for such aid, provided payments made for the care and
882 treatment of any person entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at
883 any hospital receiving aid from the General Assembly unless special
884 care and treatment are required, shall be in accordance with the
885 provisions of section 17b-239, and provided the sum expended for the
886 care or treatment of such person at any other place than a state-aided
887 hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost of supporting such person
888 at the Healthcare Center in Rocky Hill maintained by the Department of
889 Veterans Affairs, unless special care and treatment are required, when
890 such sum as may be determined by the treasurer of such organization
891 may be paid therefor. Upon the completion of the trust provided for in
892 section 27-138, the principal fund shall revert to the State Treasury.

893 Sec. 30. Subsection (b) of section 29-161q of the general statutes is
894 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
895 *1, 2021*):

896 (b) No person hired or otherwise engaged to perform work as a
897 security officer, as defined in section 29-152u, shall perform the duties
898 of a security officer prior to being licensed as a security officer by the
899 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, except as
900 provided in subsection (h) of this section. Each applicant for a license
901 shall complete a minimum of eight hours training in the following areas:
902 Basic first aid, search and seizure laws and regulations, use of force,
903 basic criminal justice and public safety issues. The commissioner shall
904 waive such training for any person who, while serving in the armed
905 forces or the National Guard, or if such person is a veteran, within two
906 years of such person's discharge from the armed forces, presents proof
907 that such person has completed military training that is equivalent to
908 the training required by this subsection, and, if applicable, such person's
909 military discharge document or a certified copy thereof. For the
910 purposes of this subsection, "veteran" [means any person who was

911 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from
912 active service in the armed forces,] and "armed forces" [has] have the
913 same [meaning] meanings as provided in section 27-103, as amended by
914 this act, and "military discharge document" has the same meaning as
915 provided in section 1-219, as amended by this act. The training shall be
916 approved by the commissioner in accordance with regulations adopted
917 pursuant to section 29-161x. The commissioner may not grant a license
918 to any person who has been decertified as a police officer or otherwise
919 had his or her certification canceled, revoked or refused renewal
920 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 7-294d.

921 (1) On and after October 1, 2008, no person or employee of an
922 association, corporation or partnership shall conduct such training
923 without the approval of the commissioner except as provided in
924 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Application for such approval shall
925 be submitted on forms prescribed by the commissioner and
926 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. Such application shall be made
927 under oath and shall contain the applicant's name, address, date and
928 place of birth, employment for the previous five years, education or
929 training in the subjects required to be taught under this subsection, any
930 convictions for violations of the law and such other information as the
931 commissioner may require by regulation adopted pursuant to section
932 29-161x to properly investigate the character, competency and integrity
933 of the applicant. No person shall be approved as an instructor for such
934 training who has been convicted of a felony, a sexual offense or a crime
935 of moral turpitude or who has been denied approval as a security
936 service licensee, a security officer or instructor in the security industry
937 by any licensing authority, or whose approval has been revoked or
938 suspended. The term for such approval shall not exceed two years. Not
939 later than two business days after a change of address, any person
940 approved as an instructor in accordance with this section shall notify the
941 commissioner of such change and such notification shall include both
942 the old and new addresses.

943 (2) If a security officer training course described in this subsection is
944 approved by the commissioner on or before September 30, 2008, the

945 instructor of such course shall have until April 1, 2009, to apply for
946 approval as an instructor in accordance with subdivision (1) of this
947 subsection.

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

955 Sec. 31. Subsection (c) of section 31-3w of the general statutes is
956 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
957 *1, 2021*):

958 (c) (1) When contacted by a veteran who is in need of employment or
959 work force development services, the department shall (A) determine
960 whether the veteran resides closer to a work force development board
961 facility with a veterans unit than to a department facility offering such
962 employment or work force development assistance and, if so, provide
963 the veteran with contact information for the work force development
964 board, and (B) provide a veteran who expresses an interest in advanced
965 manufacturing, as defined in section 31-11ss, as amended by this act,
966 with information on the Military to Machinists program operated
967 pursuant to section 31-11ss, as amended by this act, if such veteran may
968 be eligible for services from such program.

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

976 Sec. 32. Section 31-3zz of the general statutes is repealed and the

977 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

978 The Labor Commissioner shall establish a Special Operations
979 Resource Network to serve as a clearinghouse for veterans and
980 members of the armed forces and National Guard who have acquired,
981 as part of their military training, knowledge, experience or a set of skills
982 most compatible with certain professional opportunities. The Labor
983 Commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Veterans
984 Affairs and the Adjutant General, shall develop a database in which
985 such veterans and members are categorized based on the types of
986 military training received and cross-referenced against certain
987 professional opportunities for purposes of pairing any such veteran or
988 member with any such professional opportunity. Any veteran or
989 member of the armed forces or National Guard may apply for inclusion
990 in such database by submitting (1) evidence of the military training
991 received by such veteran or member describing the particular
992 knowledge, experience or set of skills acquired, and (2) if such applicant
993 is a veteran, such veteran's military discharge document or a certified
994 copy thereof. The Labor Commissioner shall evaluate any such
995 application, include such veteran or member in such database, and so
996 categorize such veteran or member as described in this section. The
997 Labor Commissioner shall update such database weekly and shall
998 publish such database on the Labor Department's Internet web site. Any
999 person interested in hiring any such veteran or member included in
1000 such database shall contact the department through a dedicated
1001 telephone number and the department shall facilitate contact between
1002 such person and such veteran or member. For the purposes of this
1003 section, (A) "veteran" [means any person who was discharged or
1004 released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service
1005 in the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in section 27-
1006 103, as amended by this act, (B) "armed forces" has the same meaning as
1007 provided in section 27-103, as amended by this act, and (C) "military
1008 discharge document" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-
1009 219, as amended by this act.

1010 Sec. 33. Subsection (a) of section 31-11ss of the general statutes is

1011 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1012 *1, 2021*):

1013 (a) As used in this section:

1014 (1) "Advanced manufacturing" means a manufacturing process that
1015 makes extensive use of computer, high-precision or information
1016 technologies integrated with a high-performance work force in a
1017 production system capable of furnishing a heterogeneous mix of
1018 products in small or large volumes with either the efficiency of mass
1019 production or the flexibility of custom manufacturing in order to
1020 respond quickly to customer demands. "Advanced manufacturing"
1021 includes newly developed methods to manufacture existing products
1022 and the manufacture of new products emerging from new advanced
1023 technologies;

1024 (2) "Eligible business" means a business that (A) has operations in
1025 Connecticut, (B) has been registered to conduct business for not less than
1026 twelve months, and (C) is in good standing with respect to the payment
1027 of all state and local taxes. "Eligible business" does not include the state
1028 or any political subdivision thereof;

1029 (3) "Private occupational school" has the same meaning as provided
1030 in section 10a-22a;

1031 (4) "Public institution of higher education" means any of the
1032 institutions of higher education identified in subdivision (2) of section
1033 10a-1;

1034 (5) "Qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate program" means
1035 a for-credit or noncredit sub-baccalaureate advanced manufacturing
1036 certificate program offered by a public institution of higher education
1037 or a private occupational school in which at least seventy-five per cent
1038 of the graduates of such certificate program are employed in a field
1039 related to or requiring such certificate in the year following graduation;
1040 and

1041 (6) "Veteran" [means any person (A) honorably discharged from, or
1042 released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed
1043 forces, as defined in section 27-103, or (B) with a qualifying condition,
1044 as defined in section 27-103, who has received a discharge other than
1045 bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces]
1046 has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this
1047 act.

1048 Sec. 34. Subsection (a) of section 31-11tt of the general statutes is
1049 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1050 *1, 2021*):

1051 (a) Not later than October 1, 2019, the work force development board
1052 for the southwest work force development region of the state shall
1053 develop and operate a pilot program to be known as the Veterans
1054 Platform to Employment Program. The program shall provide training
1055 and subsidized employment for veterans who have experienced long-
1056 term unemployment in a similar manner to the Platform to Employment
1057 Program currently operated by such board. The pilot program shall
1058 provide veterans in a region served by the program with (1) a
1059 preparatory program that includes services such as skills assessments,
1060 career readiness workshops, employee assistance programs and
1061 coaching, and (2) employment assistance that includes identifying
1062 positions at local employers and providing subsidies to employers that
1063 hire veterans for trial work experiences that may lead to continued
1064 employment. The pilot program may offer additional services to assist
1065 veterans, including personal and family support services and financial
1066 counseling. As used in this section, "veteran" [means any person (A)
1067 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions
1068 from active service in, the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, or
1069 (B) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has
1070 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active
1071 service in the armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in section
1072 27-103, as amended by this act.

1073 Sec. 35. Section 31-22u of the general statutes is repealed and the

1074 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1075 Any member of the armed forces or National Guard or any veteran,
1076 within two years of such veteran's discharge from the armed forces, may
1077 submit an application for military training evaluation to the Labor
1078 Department program of apprentice training set forth in section 31-22q.
1079 Such application shall include (1) evidence of satisfactory completion of
1080 a program or course of instruction as part of military training that is
1081 equivalent in content and quality to that required for a specific trade in
1082 this state, and (2) if such applicant is a veteran, such veteran's military
1083 discharge document or a certified copy thereof. The Labor
1084 Commissioner shall evaluate any such application and determine
1085 whether the applicant's military training may be substituted for all or
1086 part of the term of an apprenticeship program registered with the Labor
1087 Department for a specific trade. If the commissioner determines that the
1088 applicant's military training is equivalent to the training required for
1089 completion of such apprenticeship program, the commissioner shall
1090 issue such applicant a recommendation for review by the appropriate
1091 examining board established under section 20-331. Presentation of such
1092 recommendation, pursuant to section 20-333, shall allow such applicant
1093 to sit for any licensure examination without participation in an
1094 apprenticeship program. If the commissioner determines that the
1095 applicant's military training is equivalent to part of the training required
1096 for completion of an apprenticeship program, such applicant's hours of
1097 qualified military training, as determined by the commissioner, shall be
1098 deducted from the hours of apprenticeship training required for the
1099 specific trade provided (A) such applicant completes the minimum
1100 number of hours of apprenticeship training required under federal law,
1101 and (B) prior to implementation of this provision, the Labor Department
1102 obtains concurrence with such provision from the federal office of
1103 apprenticeship pursuant to 29 CFR 29.13(b)(9). For the purposes of this
1104 section, (i) "veteran" [means any person who was discharged or released
1105 under conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the
1106 armed forces] has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of
1107 section 27-103, as amended by this act, (ii) "armed forces" has the same

1108 meaning as provided in section 27-103, as amended by this act, and (iii)
1109 "military discharge document" has the same meaning as provided in
1110 section 1-219, as amended by this act.

1111 Sec. 36. Section 51-49h of the general statutes is repealed and the
1112 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1113 (a) Any judge of the Superior Court, the Appellate Court or the
1114 Supreme Court who first commenced service as a judge prior to January
1115 1, 1981, may elect to receive the retirement salary provided under
1116 subsection (b) of section 51-50. The surviving spouse of a deceased judge
1117 who has made an election under this section shall receive the allowances
1118 provided under subsection (b) of section 51-51.

1119 (b) Any such judge, any family support magistrate or any
1120 compensation commissioner who is a veteran may receive credit for
1121 retirement purposes for military service, if such judge, family support
1122 magistrate or compensation commissioner makes retirement
1123 contributions for each month of military service equal to one-twelfth of
1124 five per cent of his first year's salary as a judge, family support
1125 magistrate or compensation commissioner multiplied by the total
1126 number of months of such military service, except that (1) no retirement
1127 contribution shall be made for service as a prisoner of war, and (2) no
1128 credit shall be allowed for military service to any such judge, family
1129 support magistrate or compensation commissioner who has served less
1130 than ten years as a judge, family support magistrate or compensation
1131 commissioner, nor for more than fifty per cent of such military service
1132 or three years, whichever is less. Service credit for military service for
1133 retirement purposes other than service as a prisoner of war shall not be
1134 granted until payment of contributions is completed. Any application
1135 for military service credit under this section for service as a prisoner of
1136 war shall be accompanied by sufficient proof from the United States
1137 Department of Veterans Affairs that such judge, family support
1138 magistrate or compensation commissioner is a former prisoner of war.

1139 (c) For purposes of this section: (1) "Armed forces" means the United

1140 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force; (2)
1141 "veteran" [means any person honorably discharged from, or released
1142 under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces] has
1143 the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as
1144 amended by this act; (3) "military service" shall be service during World
1145 War II, December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946; the Korean hostilities,
1146 June 27, 1950, to October 27, 1953; and the Vietnam era, January 1, 1964,
1147 to July 1, 1975, and shall include service as a prisoner of war.

1148 Sec. 37. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 54-56e of the general statutes
1149 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1150 *October 1, 2021*):

1151 (a) There shall be a pretrial program for accelerated rehabilitation of
1152 persons accused of a crime or crimes or a motor vehicle violation or
1153 violations for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment may be
1154 imposed, which crimes or violations are not of a serious nature. Upon
1155 application by any such person for participation in the program, the
1156 court shall, but only as to the public, order the court file sealed.

1157 (b) The court may, in its discretion, invoke such program on motion
1158 of the defendant or on motion of a state's attorney or prosecuting
1159 attorney with respect to a defendant (1) who, the court believes, will
1160 probably not offend in the future, (2) who has no previous record of
1161 conviction of a crime or of a violation of section 14-196, subsection (c) of
1162 section 14-215, section 14-222a, subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of
1163 subsection (b) of section 14-224, section 14-227a or 14-227m or
1164 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-227n, and (3) who
1165 states under oath, in open court or before any person designated by the
1166 clerk and duly authorized to administer oaths, under the penalties of
1167 perjury, (A) that the defendant has never had such program invoked on
1168 the defendant's behalf or that the defendant was charged with a
1169 misdemeanor or a motor vehicle violation for which a term of
1170 imprisonment of one year or less may be imposed and ten or more years
1171 have passed since the date that any charge or charges for which the
1172 program was invoked on the defendant's behalf were dismissed by the

1173 court, or (B) with respect to a defendant who is a veteran, that the
1174 defendant has not had such program invoked in the defendant's behalf
1175 more than once previously, provided the defendant shall agree thereto
1176 and provided notice has been given by the defendant, on a form
1177 prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, to the victim
1178 or victims of such crime or motor vehicle violation, if any, by registered
1179 or certified mail and such victim or victims have an opportunity to be
1180 heard thereon. Any defendant who makes application for participation
1181 in such program shall pay to the court an application fee of thirty-five
1182 dollars. No defendant shall be allowed to participate in the pretrial
1183 program for accelerated rehabilitation more than two times. For the
1184 purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any person who was
1185 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from
1186 active service in the armed forces as defined in section 27-103] has the
1187 same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as
1188 amended by this act.

1189 Sec. 38. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 54-56i of the general
1190 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1191 (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1192 (a) There is established a pretrial drug education and community
1193 service program for persons charged with a violation of section 21a-267,
1194 21a-279 or 21a-279a. The pretrial drug education and community service
1195 program shall include a fifteen-session drug education program and a
1196 substance abuse treatment program of not less than fifteen sessions, and
1197 the performance of community service.

1198 (b) Upon application by any such person for participation in such
1199 program, the court shall, but only as to the public, order the court file
1200 sealed, and such person shall pay to the court of an application fee of
1201 one hundred dollars and a nonrefundable evaluation fee of one hundred
1202 fifty dollars. A person shall be ineligible for participation in such pretrial
1203 drug education and community service program if such person has
1204 twice previously participated in (1) the pretrial drug education program
1205 established under the provisions of this section in effect prior to October

1206 1, 2013, (2) the community service labor program established under
1207 section 53a-39c, (3) the pretrial drug education and community service
1208 program established under this section, or (4) any of such programs,
1209 except that the court may allow a person who has twice previously
1210 participated in such programs to participate in the pretrial drug
1211 education and community service program one additional time, for
1212 good cause shown. The evaluation and application fee imposed under
1213 this subsection shall be credited to the pretrial account established
1214 under section 54-56k.

1215 (c) The court, after consideration of the recommendation of the state's
1216 attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in
1217 charge of the case, may, in its discretion, grant such application. If the
1218 court grants such application, the court shall refer such person (1) to the
1219 Court Support Services Division for confirmation of the eligibility of the
1220 applicant, (2) to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
1221 Services for evaluation and determination of an appropriate drug
1222 education or substance abuse treatment program for the first or second
1223 time such application is granted, and (3) to a state-licensed substance
1224 abuse treatment program for evaluation and determination of an
1225 appropriate substance abuse treatment program for the third time such
1226 application is granted, except that, if such person is a veteran, the court
1227 may refer such person to the Department of Veterans Affairs or the
1228 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, as applicable, for any
1229 such evaluation and determination. For the purposes of this subsection
1230 and subsection (d) of this section, "veteran" [means any person who was
1231 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from
1232 active service in the armed forces as defined in section 27-103] has the
1233 same meaning provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended
1234 by this act.

1235 Sec. 39. Subsection (a) of section 54-56l of the general statutes is
1236 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1237 *1, 2021*):

1238 (a) There shall be a supervised diversionary program for persons

1239 with psychiatric disabilities, or persons who are veterans, who are
1240 accused of a crime or crimes or a motor vehicle violation or violations
1241 for which a sentence to a term of imprisonment may be imposed, which
1242 crimes or violations are not of a serious nature. For the purposes of this
1243 section, (1) "psychiatric disability" means a mental or emotional
1244 condition, other than solely substance abuse, that (A) has substantial
1245 adverse effects on the defendant's ability to function, and (B) requires
1246 care and treatment, and (2) "veteran" means [a person who is] a veteran,
1247 as defined in section 27-103, as amended by this act, who is found,
1248 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, to have a mental health
1249 condition that is amenable to treatment, [and who was discharged or
1250 released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service
1251 in the armed forces as defined in section 27-103.]

1252 Sec. 40. Subsection (a) of section 54-56n of the general statutes is
1253 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1254 *1, 2021*):

1255 (a) The Judicial Branch shall collect data on the number of members
1256 of the armed forces, veterans and nonveterans who, on and after
1257 January 1, 2016, apply for and are granted admission or are denied entry
1258 into (1) the pretrial program for accelerated rehabilitation established
1259 pursuant to section 54-56e, as amended by this act, (2) the supervised
1260 diversionary program established pursuant to section 54-56l, as
1261 amended by this act, or (3) the pretrial drug education and community
1262 service program established pursuant to section 54-56i, as amended by
1263 this act. Data compiled pursuant to this section shall be based on
1264 information provided by applicants at the time of application to any
1265 such program. For the purposes of this section, "veteran" [means any
1266 person who was discharged or released under conditions other than
1267 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces] and "armed
1268 forces" [has] have the same [meaning] meanings as provided in section
1269 27-103, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-103(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	1-219(a)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	4-61bb(a)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	4a-59(c)
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(c)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-99(d)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-105(e)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10-221a(i)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-149d(a)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	10a-161d(a)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-217pp(a)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	12-412(63)(D)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-20b(a)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-36(e)(3)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-36h(e) and (f)
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-50(c)
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-254
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	17b-28i(a)
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	19a-179
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	20-206mm(j) and (k)
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-100g
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-108(a)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-109
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-118
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-122b(a)
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-125
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	27-140
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	29-161q(b)
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-3w(c)
Sec. 32	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-3zz
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-11ss(a)
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-11tt(a)
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-22u
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	51-49h
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-56e(a) and (b)
Sec. 38	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-56i(a) to (c)

Sec. 39	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-56l(a)
Sec. 40	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-56n(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the definition of veteran.

[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.]