

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

**A N A C T**

**RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD**

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, Felag, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 30-3-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-3 entitled "National  
2     Guard" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **30-3-14. Qualifications of medical officers, judge advocates, and chaplains.** -- In the  
4     national guard, all commissioned officers of the medical corps must be physicians or surgeons  
5     licensed to practice in any state or the District of Columbia in the United States of America, all  
6     commissioned officers of the judge advocate general's department must ~~all be members of the~~  
7     ~~Rhode Island bar~~ comply with the provisions of Article II, Rule 2(g) of the Rhode Island Supreme  
8     Court Rules as amended and ordered on June 5, 2008, all chaplains must be regularly ordained  
9     ministers of the gospel, and any provision as to prior military service shall not apply to these  
10    officers.

11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would eliminate the mandate that commissioned officers in the judge advocate  
2 general's department be a member of the Rhode Island bar, provided there is compliance with the  
3 Rhode Island Supreme Court Rules.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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