



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6438

House of Representatives, March 6, 2025

The Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs reported through REP. FOSTER of the 57th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' AFFAIRS IN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-138b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 Any applicant denied aid under section 27-140 shall be given written
4 notice by registered mail by the administrator of the Soldiers, Sailors
5 and Marines Fund stating the reasons for such denial. The applicant
6 may, [within] not later than fifteen days [of] after the date of the mailing
7 of such notice, make a request in writing by registered mail directed to
8 the administrator for a hearing on such denial. The administrator shall
9 notify the applicant in writing, [within] not later than five days [of] after
10 the receipt of the request, of the place and date of hearing, which hearing
11 shall be held not [less] earlier than thirty days [from] after the date of
12 mailing of the notice. The hearing may be conducted by the
13 administrator or by a hearing officer appointed by the administrator in
14 writing. The applicant shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and
15 a transcript or audio or audiovisual recording of the hearing shall be

16 made by the administrator. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing
17 officer, he shall state his findings and make recommendation to the
18 administrator on the issue of the denial of the application. The
19 administrator, based upon such findings and recommendations of the
20 hearing officer, or after a hearing conducted by him, shall render a
21 decision in writing denying the application or granting it in accordance
22 with the regulations of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund. A copy
23 of such decision shall be sent by registered mail to the applicant. An
24 applicant aggrieved by [said] such decision may appeal therefrom as
25 provided in section 27-138c.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2025	27-138b
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VA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes technical changes and does not result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' AFFAIRS IN CONNECTICUT.

SUMMARY

This bill makes a number of technical changes.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 3 (02/18/2025)