



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Raised Bill No. 6438**

LCO No. 3519



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY  
AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***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 Section 27-138b of the general statutes is repealed and the  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.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |         |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2025</i> | 27-138b |

**VA**      *Joint Favorable*

**APP**     *Joint Favorable*