

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-377 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR
Title: MILITARY FUNERAL HONOR GUARD DETAIL COMPENSATION.

Vote Date: 3/10/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/3/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Karen Reddington-Hughes, 66th Dist.

Rep. Mark DeCaprio, 48th Dist.

Rep. Brian Lanoue, 45th Dist.

Rep. Bill Buckbee, 67th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill seeks to deduct any income received from participation in military funeral honor guards from income tax. Seeing as how the expenses for equipment and uniform maintenance for honor guard members are costly and how members receive minimal compensation for their participation, establishing a personal income tax deduction for honor guard participation would help alleviate the financial burden that they experience.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Mark DeCaprio, State Representative, Connecticut General Assembly: Rep. DeCaprio expressed his support for this bill, asserting that establishing a personal income tax deduction for compensation received for performing Honor Guard Squad duties would have a minimal impact on the budget. He explained the expenses that go into purchasing and maintaining honor guard equipment, and he stressed the importance of affording honor guard members some degree of financial relief.

James Amaro, Chairman, Manchester Veterans Advisory Committee: Mr. Amaro expressed his support for this bill as a measure to honor fallen servicemembers and veterans.

Alphonse Letendre, Deputy Commander, Colchester Veterans Honor Guard: Mr. Letendre expressed his support for this bill and listed a number of expenses shouldered by honor guard members. He noted that these members do not get reimbursed for these expenses, and he urged the committee to pass this bill to provide them financial help.

K. Robert Lewis, Legislative Committee Chairman, American Legion Department of Connecticut: Mr. Lewis expressed his support for this bill, pointing out that it provides for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by funeral honor guards by way of an income tax exemption. He noted that the honor guards attend hundreds of funerals a year and providing an exemption works to attract formation of additional honor guards.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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