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**"AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 27-108 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
5 *October 1, 2014*):

6 (a) Any veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, who  
7 meets active military, naval or air service requirements, as [defined]  
8 described in 38 USC 101, may apply for admission to the home; and  
9 any such veteran who has no adequate means of support, and who,  
10 from disease, wounds or accident, needs medical or surgical care and  
11 treatment or who has become mentally ill, [and who has no adequate  
12 means of support,] may be admitted to any hospital and receive  
13 necessary food, clothing, care and treatment therein, at the expense of  
14 the state, unless other funds or means of payment are available.

15 Whenever a person is admitted to a hospital, such person shall be  
16 asked if he or she is a veteran. Before a hospital submits a bill for  
17 services pursuant to this section, such hospital shall take sufficient  
18 steps to determine that no other funds or means of payment are  
19 available to cover the cost of services rendered to the veteran. The  
20 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall make available to hospitals a list  
21 of payment options and benefits available to cover hospital costs of  
22 veterans.

23 Sec. 502. Section 19a-179 of the general statutes, as amended by  
24 section 13 of substitute house bill 5299 of the current session and  
25 House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the following is  
26 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

27 (a) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
28 chapter 54, concerning (1) the methods and conditions for the issuance,  
29 renewal and reinstatement of licensure and certification or  
30 recertification of emergency medical service personnel, (2) the methods  
31 and conditions for licensure and certification of the operations,  
32 facilities and equipment enumerated in section 19a-177, (3) complaint  
33 procedures for the public and any emergency medical service  
34 organization, and (4) exemption of members of the armed forces or the  
35 National Guard or veterans with appropriate military training,  
36 including, but not limited to, members of the armed forces or the  
37 National Guard or veterans with a designation by the National  
38 Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and veterans or members  
39 of the United States Navy and Coast Guard, from training and testing  
40 requirements for emergency medical technician licensure and  
41 certification. Such regulations shall be in conformity with the policies  
42 and standards established by the commissioner. Such regulations shall  
43 require that, as an express condition of the purchase of any business  
44 holding a primary service area, the purchaser shall agree to abide by  
45 any performance standards to which the purchased business was  
46 obligated pursuant to its agreement with the municipality.

47 (b) The commissioner may issue an emergency medical technician

48 certificate to an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to the  
49 commissioner that the applicant (1) is currently certified as an  
50 emergency medical technician in good standing in any New England  
51 state, New York or New Jersey, (2) has completed an initial training  
52 program consistent with the United States Department of  
53 Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
54 emergency medical technician curriculum, and (3) has no pending  
55 disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her.

56 (c) The commissioner may issue a temporary emergency medical  
57 technician certificate to an applicant who presents evidence  
58 satisfactory to the commissioner that (1) the applicant was certified by  
59 the department as an emergency medical technician prior to becoming  
60 licensed as a paramedic pursuant to section 20-206*ll*, and (2) the  
61 applicant's certification as an emergency medical technician has  
62 expired and the applicant's license as a paramedic has become void  
63 pursuant to section 19a-88. Such temporary certificate shall be valid for  
64 a period not to exceed one year and shall not be renewable.

65 (d) An applicant who is issued a temporary emergency medical  
66 technician certificate pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may,  
67 prior to the expiration of such temporary certificate, apply to the  
68 department for:

69 (1) Renewal of such person's paramedic license, giving such  
70 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address  
71 and such other information as the department requests, provided the  
72 application for license renewal is accompanied by evidence satisfactory  
73 to the commissioner that the applicant was under the medical  
74 oversight of a sponsor hospital on the date the applicant's paramedic  
75 license became void for nonrenewal; or

76 (2) Recertification as an emergency medical technician, provided the  
77 application for recertification is accompanied by evidence satisfactory  
78 to the commissioner that the applicant completed emergency medical  
79 technician refresher training approved by the commissioner not later

80 than one year after issuance of the temporary emergency medical  
81 technician certificate. The department shall recertify such person as an  
82 emergency medical technician without the examination required for  
83 initial certification specified in regulations adopted by the  
84 commissioner pursuant to this section.

85 (e) For purposes of subsection (d) of this section, "medical oversight"  
86 means the active surveillance by physicians of mobile intensive care  
87 sufficient for the assessment of overall practice levels, as defined by  
88 state-wide protocols, and "sponsor hospital" means a hospital that has  
89 agreed to maintain staff for the provision of medical oversight,  
90 supervision and direction to an emergency medical service  
91 organization, as defined in section 19a-175, and its personnel and has  
92 been approved for such activity by the Office of Emergency Medical  
93 Services.

94 [(f) The commissioner shall issue an emergency medical technician  
95 certification to an applicant who is a member of the armed forces or  
96 the National Guard or a veteran and who (1) presents evidence  
97 satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant holds a current  
98 certification as a person entitled to perform similar services under a  
99 different designation by the National Registry of Emergency Medical  
100 Technicians, or (2) satisfies the regulations promulgated pursuant to  
101 subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section. Such applicant shall be  
102 exempt from any written or practical examination requirement for  
103 certification.]

104 [(g)] (f) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person  
105 who was discharged or released under conditions other than  
106 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and "armed  
107 forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103.

108 Sec. 503. Section 20-206mm of the general statutes is repealed and  
109 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

110 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, an

111 applicant for a license as a paramedic shall submit evidence  
112 satisfactory to the commissioner, as defined in section 19a-175, that the  
113 applicant has successfully (1) completed a mobile intensive care  
114 training program approved by the commissioner, and (2) passed an  
115 examination prescribed by the commissioner.

116 (b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present  
117 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (1) is  
118 licensed or certified as a paramedic in another state or jurisdiction  
119 whose requirements for practicing in such capacity are substantially  
120 similar to or higher than those of this state and that the applicant has  
121 no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or  
122 her, or (2) (A) is currently licensed or certified as a paramedic in good  
123 standing in any New England state, New York or New Jersey, (B) has  
124 completed an initial training program consistent with the United States  
125 Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety  
126 Administration paramedic curriculum, and (C) has no pending  
127 disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her.

128 (c) Any person who is certified as an emergency medical technician-  
129 paramedic by the Department of Public Health on October 1, 1997,  
130 shall be deemed a licensed paramedic. Any person so deemed shall  
131 renew his license pursuant to section 19a-88 for a fee of one hundred  
132 fifty dollars.

133 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall issue an emergency  
134 medical technician certification to an applicant who is a member of the  
135 armed forces or the National Guard or a veteran and who (1) presents  
136 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant holds a  
137 current certification as a person entitled to perform similar services  
138 under a different designation by the National Registry of Emergency  
139 Medical Technicians, or (2) satisfies the regulations promulgated  
140 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 19a-179, as  
141 amended by this act. Such applicant shall be exempt from any written  
142 or practical examination requirement for certification.

143        (e) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person who  
 144        was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable  
 145        from active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the  
 146        same meaning as provided in section 27-103."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	27-108(a)
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	19a-179
Sec. 503	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	20-206mm