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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4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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25 House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the following is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.

147 Sec. 504. Section 12-146c of the general statutes is repealed and the
 148 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014, and*
 149 *applicable to assessment years commencing on and after said date*):

150 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-146, a municipality
 151 shall not charge or collect interest [for a period of one year] on any
 152 property tax or any installment or part thereof that is payable by any
 153 resident of the state who is a member of the armed forces of the United
 154 States or of any state or of any reserve component thereof who has
 155 been called to active service in the armed forces of the United States for
 156 specific military operations that are authorized by the President of the
 157 United States [that entail military action in Iraq or Afghanistan] and
 158 who is serving outside the United States on the final day that payment
 159 of such property tax or installment or part thereof is due."

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
Sec. 504	<i>October 1, 2014, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after said date</i>	12-146c