



# Agency Legislative Proposal

2026 Session

## General Information

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Dept. of Veterans Affairs</b>
<b>Proposal Name</b>	Veterans Day Activities for Residential Services
<b>Legislative Liaison</b>	Lindsay Jesshop
<b>Division Requesting Proposal</b>	N/A
<b>Drafter</b>	Lindsay Jesshop

## Overview

### **Brief Summary of Proposal**

With the passage of PA 25-157 (effective 10/1/25), establishing November as Veterans' Month, this proposal will allow greater agency flexibility to hold suitable Veterans Day activities at any point throughout the month of November.

### **What problem is this proposal looking to solve?**

Current statute requires Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs to hold suitable exercises in the Veterans Residential Program and Services facility annually on November 11 (Veterans Day).

### **How does the proposal solve the problem?**

This proposal allows Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs flexibility to hold suitable Veterans Day activities in our Veterans Residential Services facility at any time throughout the month of November. This proposal only applies to Veterans Day activities for the Veterans who reside in the CT Department of Veterans Affairs domicile, or "Residential Program and Services." Creating this flexibility would allow the agency to mitigate potential overtime, staffing challenges, and infectious disease outbreaks without the worry of noncompliance with state statutes. It would also allow flexibility in planning to increase Resident Veteran participation. Currently, many Veterans in our "Residential Program and Services" do not attend our planned Veterans Day program. We do not believe they will object to a ceremony being held on a day that is not Veterans Day if the agency observes it at a day and time close to Veterans Day. For

reference, our Memorial Day ceremonies for our “Residential Program and Services” facility and our Health Care Center are never held on Memorial Day.

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**Section by section summary:**

<b>Section #(s)</b>	<b>Section Summary</b>
<b>1</b>	(e) The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs shall annually hold suitable exercises in the Veterans Residential Services facility on November eleventh recognizing resident veterans for their military service.

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<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	Sec. 27-106 (e)
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**Background**

☒ New Proposal

☐ Resubmission

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**Have there been any changes in federal laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?**

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**Have there been any changes in state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?**

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**Has this proposal or a similar proposal been implemented in other states?**

No

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**Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?**

No

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### **Interagency Impact**

☒ Check here if this proposal does NOT impact other agencies

<b>Agency</b>	N/A
<b>Contact</b>	N/a
<b>Date Contacted</b>	N/A
<b>Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Unresolved
<b>Open Issues</b>	N/A

### **Fiscal Impact**

☒ No Fiscal Impact

☐ Budget Option Submitted

**Include the section number(s) which have a fiscal impact and the anticipated impact:**

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**State**

No

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**Municipal**

No

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**Federal**

No

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### **Other Information**

If there is any additional information we should know, please detail below:

This bill will assist the agency in meeting statutory requirements and may assist the agency in reducing overtime pay for staff. Overall, it will allow scheduling flexibility, particularly when infection control is of concern.

### **Legislative Language**

Insert fully drafted bill below. Please use standard legislative drafting considerations, as published by LCO [here](#).

**Revised Section**

Section 1. Section 106 (e) of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(e) The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs shall annually hold suitable exercises in the Veterans Residential Services facility [on November eleventh] during the month of November recognizing resident veterans for their military service.