

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7063

LCO No. **3526**

Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING LEASING OF MILITARY DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 27-39 of the 2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

(b) The Adjutant General is charged with the responsibility for the 4 5 use, maintenance, security and leasing of all military facilities and other military property under the provisions for such use imposed by 6 7 the statutes. Each military facility shall be under the charge of a 8 commissioned officer, designated by the Adjutant General. Each 9 application for the lease or use of such facility shall be made to the 10 Adjutant General, who shall approve or disapprove such application 11 and so advise the applicant. Prior to any such approval, each applicant 12 for lease or use of such facility shall furnish a certificate of insurance or 13 self-insurance indemnifying the state and federal governments against 14 any bodily injury to persons or damage to property. Any cost of such 15 certificate shall be in addition to any other cost incurred as a result of

such lease or use. Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, 16 17 the Adjutant General shall limit the lease or use of military facilities to 18 (1) military organizations, including youth military organizations, (2) 19 nonprofit organizations, (3) organizations receiving state aid, [and] (4) 20 governmental agencies, and (5) members of the armed forces of the 21 state. Proceeds from the lease of military facilities shall be paid to the 22 Adjutant General, who shall promptly transmit such proceeds, except proceeds received from the lease of certain military facilities pursuant 23 24 to subsection (e) of this section, to the State Treasurer for deposit in the 25 military facilities account established under subsection (f) of this 26 section. The Adjutant General shall, in military facilities where space is 27 available, assign space to veterans' service organizations for their joint 28 uses, subject to the regulations concerning military facilities. Units of 29 the armed forces of the state and veterans' organizations jointly 30 utilizing military facilities shall be allowed the use of the drill shed and 31 such other common areas of the facility.

32 (c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as allowing the lease 33 or use of, or assignment of space in, any military facility (1) on the drill 34 night of any active military organization stationed in the facility or in a 35 manner that conflicts with the military usage of the facility, (2) at a 36 reduced rate, except as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of 37 this section, or (3) in a manner that conflicts with federal military regulations or the use of the facility for military purposes. In no case 38 39 shall any lease approved by the Adjutant General pursuant to 40 subsection (b) of this section permit subleasing.

41 (d) (1) [The] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, 42 the Adjutant General may allow lease or use of any military facility, at 43 a cost not exceeding the actual operating cost of such facility during 44 the period of such lease or use, to (A) any public or private nonprofit 45 elementary or secondary school or any public institution of higher 46 education for purposes of athletic events with respect to which no 47 admission is charged, (B) the American Red Cross for purposes of 48 blood supply programs, (C) any local, state or federal governmental 49 agency, (D) any agricultural or other association that receives state aid,

50 [or] (E) any <u>charitable</u> military organization, [except as provided in 51 subdivision (2) of this subsection] <u>or (F) any member of the armed</u> 52 forces of the state for the limited purpose of holding a ceremony to 53 recognize such member's significant military career event, including 54 promotion, receipt of an award, enlistment, commission as an officer, 55 marriage or retirement.

56 (2) The Adjutant General may allow use of any military facility, at 57 no cost, to any youth military organization.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 July 1, 2019	27-39(b) to (d)

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the Adjutant General to lease military facilities to members of the armed forces of the state for ceremonies to recognize significant military career events.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]