

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 712 Session of  
1995INTRODUCED BY HART, SALVATORE, WAGNER, AFFLERBACH AND TOMLINSON,  
MARCH 7, 1995

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS, FEBRUARY 6, 1996

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE RENAMING OF <—  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS; providing for the  
4 issuance of certificates relating to release or discharge and  
5 for the use or recycling of office supplies and materials.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 ~~Section 1. Section 9201 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania~~ <—  
9 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:~~

10 SECTION 1. SECTION 701 OF TITLE 51 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <—  
11 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED TO READ:

12 § 701. OVERALL POWERS OF DEPARTMENT.

13 (A) POWERS AND DUTIES.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTINUE TO  
14 EXERCISE THE POWERS AND PERFORM THE DUTIES BY LAW VESTED IN AND  
15 IMPOSED UPON THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE DEPARTMENT.

16 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS IS  
17 DESIGNATED AS THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.  
18 CONTRACTS, DEEDS AND OFFICIAL ACTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
19 NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE USE OF THE DESIGNATION BY THE DEPARTMENT

1 AS THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
2 CONTINUE TO USE THE NAME DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS ON  
3 STATIONERY OR ANY OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS UNTIL EXISTING SUPPLIES ARE  
4 EXHAUSTED. THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUBSTITUTE THE TITLE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY  
6 AFFAIRS ON ITS DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS ON SUCH SCHEDULE AS IT  
7 DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

8 SECTION 2. SECTION 9201 OF TITLE 51 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A  
9 SUBSECTION TO READ:

10 § 9201. Certified copies of documents furnished without charge.

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12 (d) Certificates relating to release or discharge.--The  
13 department, upon request, shall provide one certified, true copy  
14 of each soldier's Certificate of Release or Discharge From  
15 Active Duty to the Director of Veterans' Affairs of the county  
16 where the soldier resided at the time of enlistment or to the  
17 soldier or the soldier's representative free of any charge.

18 Section 2 3. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs <—  
19 shall continue to use or recycle all forms, stationery, business  
20 cards and other office supplies or materials which contain  
21 references to its predecessor department until the existing  
22 supplies and materials are depleted.

23 ~~Section 3. Upon passage of legislation changing the name of~~ <—  
24 ~~the Department of Military Affairs to the Department of Military~~  
25 ~~and Veterans Affairs, the Adjutant General shall cause notice of~~  
26 ~~the same to be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.~~

27 SECTION 4. REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL <—  
28 OR THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS HERETOFORE SHALL REMAIN IN  
29 FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
30 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REFERENCES IN SUCH REGULATIONS

1 TO THE DEPARTMENT OR THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS SHALL BE  
2 DEEMED A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS  
3 AFFAIRS. WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT, THE ADJUTANT  
4 GENERAL SHALL CAUSE NOTICE OF THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE  
5 DEPARTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN.

6 Section 4 5. The amendment of 51 Pa.C.S. § 9201 shall apply <—  
7 to Certificates of Release or Discharge From Active Duty issued  
8 on and after the effective date of this act.

9 SECTION 6. EXCEPT FOR THE AMENDMENT OF 51 PA.C.S. § 9201, <—  
10 THIS ACT SHALL BE RETROACTIVE TO DECEMBER 21, 1995.

11 Section 5 7. This act shall take effect as follows: <—

12 (1) The amendment of 51 Pa.C.S. § 9201 shall take effect  
13 in 60 days.

14 ~~(2) Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon~~ <—  
15 ~~publication of the notice under section 3 of this act.~~

16 ~~(3)~~ (2) Section 4 5 of this act shall take effect in 60 <—  
17 days.

18 ~~(4)~~ (3) The remainder of this act shall take effect <—  
19 immediately.