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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY C. WILLIAMS, RYAN AND SOLOMON, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs,  
3 providing for chief counsel.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 714. Chief counsel.

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the chief counsel  
10 of the department must be or must have been sworn in and  
11 certified as a judge advocate under 10 U.S.C. § 827(b) (relating  
12 to detail of trial counsel and defense counsel) for not less  
13 than five years and in good standing.

14 Section 2. The addition of 51 Pa.C.S. § 714 shall apply to a  
15 chief counsel of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
16 of the Commonwealth selected on or after the effective date of  
17 this section.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.