

Senate Bill 389

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hodges of the 3rd, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia
 2 Annotated, relating to rights, privileges, and prohibitions, so as to provide for the adjutant
 3 general to be the official sponsor of the state sponsored life insurance program for the
 4 Georgia National Guard; to provide a definition; to provide for duties for the adjutant general
 5 regarding the program; to provide for the National Guard Association of Georgia to select
 6 the insurer for the program; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date;
 7 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
 11 relating to rights, privileges, and prohibitions, is amended by adding a new Code section to
 12 read as follows:

13 "38-2-285.

14 (a) For purposes of this Code section, 'state sponsored life insurance program' or 'program'
 15 means the life insurance program offered exclusively to all members of the Georgia
 16 National Guard as authorized by the federal Veterans' Insurance Act of 1974, P.L. 93-289.

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17 (b) The adjutant general shall be the official sponsor of the state sponsored life insurance
18 program.

19 (c) In the role of official sponsor of the state sponsored life insurance program, the adjutant
20 general shall:

21 (1) Allow, facilitate, and coordinate all efforts to make the program available to all
22 members of the Georgia National Guard;

23 (2) Provide an opportunity for members of the Georgia National Guard to purchase
24 products of the program;

25 (3) Allow, facilitate, and coordinate requested allotments with the appropriate United
26 States Property and Fiscal Officer for purposes of the program;

27 (4) Allow representatives of the program to provide information on the program to
28 Georgia National Guard members through briefings during annual training and inactive
29 duty training periods; and

30 (5) Allow members of the Georgia National Guard to designate or change beneficiaries
31 under the program.

32 (d) The National Guard Association of Georgia shall select the insurer used to provide the
33 state sponsored life insurance program."

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
36 without such approval.

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.