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An act relating to the National Guard

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 427 is added to read:

§ 427. SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT; REPORT

(a) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the Adjutant and Inspector General shall make a report to the General Assembly on January 15, 2014 and annually thereafter regarding complaints of sexual assault and harassment involving members of the Vermont National Guard.

(b) The report shall contain:

(1) the number of complaints made in the prior federal fiscal year of sexual assault or harassment and of discrimination based on sexual orientation committed by or against members of the Vermont National Guard while in military status or under the jurisdiction of the Vermont National Guard;

(2) the number of restricted reports of sexual assault, unrestricted reports of sexual assault, reports of sexual harassment, and of discrimination and a summary of the resolution of each case and the status of any action taken in each case;

(3) a summary of the current policies, procedures, and processes regarding the incidence of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or discrimination, and any changes made by the Guard since the prior report;

(4) all information provided to the Vermont National Guard by the Department of Defense regarding sexual assault, sexual harassment, and discrimination involving Vermont National Guard members when the Guard is federalized; and

(5) a report on the number of line of duty determinations initiated during the prior fiscal year arising from a claim of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or discrimination, and the number of individuals referred to outside agencies.

(c) The report shall not reveal the name of any individual.

Sec. 2. 31 V.S.A. § 1002 is amended to read:

§ 1002. GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT; ELIGIBILITY

(a) Any person is eligible to obtain a Green Mountain Passport who:

(1) is:

(A) at least 62 years of age; or

~~(B) totally disabled as the result of disease or injury suffered while serving in the armed forces; or~~

~~(C) a resident of the Vermont Veteran's Home in Bennington a~~  
veteran of the uniformed services; and

(2) is a resident of the state.

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.