

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Guard Act is amended by adding Section
5 13.1 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1815/13.1 new)

7 Sec. 13.1. Retirement of members; honorary retirement
8 rank.

9 (a) A member of the Illinois National Guard who served in
10 the Guard for a period of at least 10 years (including any
11 combination of service in a commissioned, enlisted, or warrant
12 status) and who is retiring from the Guard with at least 20
13 qualifying years of total military service (including active
14 duty or service in the Reserve Components of the United States
15 Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, or Coast Guard), may be
16 retired from the Guard with an honorary retirement rank that is
17 the next higher rank than the federally recognized rank that
18 the member held at the time of retirement, but in no case shall
19 the honorary rank be higher than the grade of Major General
20 (officers), Sergeant Major or Chief Master Sergeant (enlisted
21 Army or Air Force, respectively) or Chief Warrant Officer Four
22 (warrant officers).

23 (b) A certificate of retirement at the honorary retirement
24 rank shall be issued to a member upon the member's request at
25 the time of retirement. The certificate shall be issued by the
26 Department of Military Affairs, and may be revoked by the
27 Adjutant General if the member misuses the honorary rank. A
28 certificate may be issued to a retiree who meets the criteria
29 in subsection (a), but who retired prior to the effective date
30 of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, if the
31 member submits a written request that is approved by the
32 Adjutant General or his or her designee.

1 (c) The Department of Military Affairs shall adopt rules
2 with respect to wear of the honorary retirement rank.