



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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Introduced 02/09/05, by Rep. Kevin A. McCarthy

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1815/13.1 new

Amends the State Guard Act. Provides for the Department of Military Affairs to issue an honorary retirement rank to a National Guard member who retires with at least 10 years of service in the Illinois National Guard and who has at least 20 qualifying years of total military service, including time served in the Illinois National Guard. The honorary retirement rank issued to a member shall be the next higher rank than the federally recognized rank that the member held at retirement. Provides that honorary retirement ranks may not be higher than ranks of Major General (officers), Sergeant Major or Chief Master Sergeant (enlisted Army or Air Force), or Chief Warrant Officer Four (warrant officers).

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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.