

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, DAVIS, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EMERSON, FONTENOT, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, MOORE, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS AND SENATORS COUSSAN AND TALBOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:26.1(B)(9) (introductory paragraph), relative to the Louisiana
3 National Guard; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to death and
4 disability benefits; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:26.1(B)(9)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §26.1. National Guard death and disability benefits

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10 B. Definitions. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the
11 following meanings unless a different meaning is clearly required by context:

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13 (9) "Period of activation" means service during any declared national
14 emergency or contingency operations as defined by 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13), or during
15 ~~any state of emergency declared by the governor of the state of Louisiana~~ any period
16 of state active duty ordered by the governor of the state of Louisiana pursuant to R.S.
17 29:7, within any of the following:

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19 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all deaths or disabilities occurring
20 on or after January 1, 2024.

21 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
22 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____