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HOUSE BILL NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Adds the U.S. Space Force to various statutory definitions of U.S. Armed Forces

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5364(1), R.S. 14:34(C)(1) and (2), 34.1(B)(1) and (2), and 3 34.7(B)(1) and (2), R.S. 15:1199.23(2), R.S. 17:269 and 1915(Article II)(R), R.S. 4 37:3651(N) and 3662(2), R.S. 46:121(1)(a) and (4)(introductory paragraph), and R.S. 5 47:463.195(C), relative to definitions of the United States Armed Forces; to provide 6 for the inclusion of the United States Space Force in various statutory definitions of 7 United States Armed Forces; and to provide for related matters. 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 9 Section 1. R.S. 13:5364(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 10 §5364. Definitions 11 For the purposes of this Chapter: 12 (1) "Veteran" means a former or current member of the United States Armed 13 Forces or organized militia of the several states and territories, including but not 14 limited to a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, 15 Coast Guard, National Guard, Air National Guard, Reserves, State Guard, or a 16 commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services 17 Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or its 18 predecessor, the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. 19 20 Section 2. R.S. 14:34(C)(1) and (2), 34.1(B)(1) and (2), and 34.7(B)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 21

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	§34. Aggravated battery
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3	C. For purposes of this Section, the following words shall have the following
4	meanings:
5	(1) "Active member of the United States Armed Forces" shall mean an active
6	member of the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United
7	States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Space Force, the United
8	States Coast Guard, or the National Guard.
9	(2) "Disabled veteran" shall mean a veteran member of the United States
10	Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air
11	Force, the United States Space Force, the United States Coast Guard, or the National
12	Guard who is disabled as determined by the United States Department of Veteran
13	Affairs.
14	§34.1. Second degree battery
15	* * *
16	B. For purposes of this Section, the following words shall have the following
17	meanings:
18	(1) "Active member of the United States Armed Forces" shall mean an active
19	member of the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United
20	States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Space Force, the United
21	States Coast Guard, or the National Guard.
22	(2) "Disabled veteran" shall mean a veteran member of the United States
23	Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air
24	Force, the United States Space Force, the United States Coast Guard, or the National
25	Guard who is disabled as determined by the United States Department of Veteran
26	Affairs.
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28	§34.7. Aggravated second degree battery
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1	B. For purposes of this Section, the following words shall have the following
2	meanings:
3	(1) "Active member of the United States Armed Forces" shall mean an active
4	member of the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United
5	States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Space Force, the United
6	States Coast Guard, or the National Guard.
7	(2) "Disabled veteran" shall mean a veteran member of the United States
8	Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air
9	Force, the United States Space Force, the United States Coast Guard, or the National
10	Guard who is disabled as determined by the United States Department of Veteran
11	Affairs.
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13	Section 3. R.S. 15:1199.23(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
14	§1199.23. Definitions
15	For the purposes of this Part:
16	* * *
17	(2) "Veteran" means an honorably or generally discharged member of the
18	United States Armed Forces or organized militia of the several states and territories,
19	including but not limited to a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force,
20	Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, Air National Guard, Reserves, State
21	Guard, or a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental
22	Science Services Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric
23	Administration, or its predecessor, the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.
24	Section 4. R.S. 17:269 and 1915(Article II)(R) are hereby amended and reenacted
25	to read as follows:
26	§269. Selective service obligation orientation program
27	The state board of education may establish and administer, and each parish
28	and city school board in the state may maintain in each public school to which
29	applicable a selective service obligation orientation program of instruction which

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2 eighth grade in the public schools of this state. 3 The program so established may require that every male student in the ninth, 4 tenth and eleventh grades be given one hour of non credit instruction during each semester of each of such grades, by representatives of the Louisiana Selective 5 6 Service System, in subject matter pertaining to armed forces obligations. 7 During the second semester of the twelfth grade every male student may be 8 given six hours of instruction, without credit, in matters pertaining to his armed 9 forces obligations, including but not necessarily restricted to matters relating to 10 service in the regular armed forces, the reserves and officer procurement. Such 11 instruction may include one hour of lecture by representatives of each of the 12 following: (1) the Louisiana Selective Service System, (2) the Air Forces of the 13 United States Air Force, (3) the United States Space Force, (4) the United States 14 Army, (4) (5) the United States Navy, (5) (6) the United States Marine Corps, and 15 (6) (7) the United States Coast Guard. 16 §1915. Ratification; text of compact 17 18 ARTICLE II 19 **DEFINITIONS** 20 As used in this compact, unless the context clearly requires a different 21 construction: 22 23 R. "Uniformed service" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, 24 Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National 25 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services. 26 27 Section 5. R.S. 37:3651(N) and 3662(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read 28 as follows:

may be part of the required curriculum for all male students in grades higher than the

1	§3651. Licensure for individuals with military training and experience; licensure by
2	endorsement for military spouses and dependents
3	* * *
4	N. For the purposes of this Section, "military" means the armed forces or
5	reserves of the United States, including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast
6	Guard, Air Force, Space Force, and the reserve components thereof, the National
7	Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any
8	state.
9	* * *
10	§3662. Definitions
11	As used in this Chapter, the following words have the following meanings
12	unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
13	* * *
14	(2) "Military medical personnel" means an individual who has recently
15	served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States
16	Air Force or United States Space Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or
17	the United States Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service
18	under conditions other than dishonorable.
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20	Section 6. R.S. 46:121(1)(a) and (4)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended
21	and reenacted to read as follows:
22	§121. Definitions
23	For purposes of this Part, the following terms shall be defined as follows:
24	(1) "Activated military person" means a person domiciled in Louisiana for
25	civilian purposes who names Louisiana as Home of Record (HOR) for military
26	purposes, and who is any of the following:

1	(a) A member of a reserve component of the United States Army, Navy, Air
2	Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, including the Louisiana National
3	Guard, and called to active federal service in excess of thirty days.
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5	(4) "Honorably discharged military person" means a person domiciled in
6	Louisiana who is a veteran of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force,
7	Marine Corps, or Coast Guard who was on full-time active duty in the military
8	service of the United States and received an honorable discharge and has met any of
9	the following conditions:
10	* * *
11	Section 7. R.S. 47:463.195(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
12	§463.195. Special prestige license plate; "Blue Star Mothers"
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14	C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, in the
15	same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate, to a Louisiana resident who
16	submits written evidence that the applicant is the owner of a motor vehicle and is the
17	spouse, sibling, parent, or child of a person serving or who has served in the armed
18	forces of the United States. As used in this Subsection, "armed forces of the United
19	States" means persons serving or who have served in the United States Army, Navy,
20	Air Force, Space Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, reservists, and members of the
21	National Guard. The plate issued under this Section shall not be transferable between
22	motor vehicle owners. In the event the owner of a motor vehicle issued a "Blue Star
23	Mothers" plate should sell, trade, exchange, or otherwise dispose of such vehicle, the
24	plate shall be retained by original applicant to whom the plate was issued.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds the U.S. Space Force to various statutory definitions of U.S. Armed Forces.

<u>Present law</u> provides, with respect to various provisions in <u>present law</u>, for definitions of "veteran", "disabled veteran", "active member of the United States Armed Forces", "uniformed service", "military", "military medical personnel", "activated military person", and "honorary discharged military person", each of which include former or current members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the U.S. Space Force to various statutory definitions which include the U.S. Armed Forces.

(Amends R.S. 13:5364(1), R.S. 14:34(C)(1) and (2), 34.1(B)(1) and (2), and 34.7(B)(1) and (2), R.S. 15:1199.23(2), R.S. 17:269 and 1915(Art. II)(R), R.S. 37:3651(N) and 3662(2), R.S. 46:121(1)(a) and (4)(intro. para.), and R.S. 47:463.195(C))