

2025 Regular Session

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.

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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
21 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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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 §3651. Licensure for individuals with military training and experience; licensure by
2 endorsement for military spouses and dependents

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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.

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10 §3662. Definitions

11 As used in this Chapter, the following words have the following meanings
12 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

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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:

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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.

Present law provides, with respect to various provisions in present law, 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.

Proposed law retains present law 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))