

New law creates the crime of false personation of a veteran or fraudulent representation of a veteran-owned business.

New law defines false personation of a veteran as the false representation by a person of being a veteran, with the intent to injure, defraud, obtain economic gain, or obtain or secure any special privilege or advantage.

New law defines fraudulent representation of a veteran-owned business as the false representation by an owner, operator, principal, or employee of a business that the business is owned by a veteran or is a service-connected disabled veteran-owned business, with the intent to injure, defraud, obtain economic gain, or obtain or secure any special privilege or advantage.

New law defines "veteran" as a person who has served in the armed services or reserve forces of the United States or La. National Guard.

New law provides that whoever commits the crime of false personation of a veteran or fraudulent representation of a veteran-owned business is to be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 4, 2013).

(Adds R.S. 14:67.29)