

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 988****2016 Regular Session****Armes**

VETERANS: Provides relative to Louisiana Military Family Assistance

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. In the definition of "activated military personnel":
 - (a) Adds veterans of the United States Coast Guard.
 - (b) Changes present law term from "Home of Residence" to "Home of Record".

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the La. Military Family Assistance Fund. Money in the fund is used to provide certain need-based claims of family members of activated military personnel, transportation and "other" costs of activated personnel and veteran outreach programs. This money also funds costs associated with the program's administration.

Present law provides that "activated military personnel" includes a person domiciled in Louisiana for civilian purposes, names Louisiana as Home of Residence, and is a reserve member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, or certain members of the Louisiana National Guard.

Proposed law provides that "activated military personnel" also includes veterans of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, and changes the term "Home of Residence" to "Home of Record".

(Amends R.S. 46:121(1))