

**RÉSUMÉ DIGEST****ACT 402 (HB 1002)****2016 Regular Session****Montoucet**

Existing law establishes the La. Military Assistance Fund and provides that the funds are to be used for the following purposes:

- (1) To pay need based claims of family members of activated military personnel.
- (2) To provide for state administration of the program, not to exceed 5% of the amount deposited into the fund each fiscal year.
- (3) To provide for the third party administrator's expenses in administration of the program, not to exceed 5% of the amount deposited into the fund each fiscal year.
- (4) To pay transportation and other related costs of activated military personnel.
- (5) To conduct outreach activities for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Existing law defines "activated military personnel" as a person domiciled in La. for civilian purposes who has named La. as Home of Residence (HOR) for military purposes and is a member of a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces and is called to active federal service in excess of 30 days or is a member of the La. National Guard and is called to active state service.

Existing law establishes the La. Military Family Assistance Board to evaluate claims and provides for rules and procedures for evaluation.

New law defines "honorably discharged active-duty military personnel" as a person domiciled in Louisiana who was on full-time active duty in the military service of the U.S. and received an honorable discharge.

New law retains existing law and extends eligibility to "honorably discharged active-duty military personnel" and their families.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 46:121(4), 122(B)(1), and 123(B)(1) and (2), (D)(1)(a), (b), and (c)(iii), (E), (G)(1) and (2), and (K)(2), (3), and (4); Adds R.S. 46:121(5))