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Abstract: Prohibits compensation for assisting any individual to obtain veterans benefits or referring any individual to another individual for assistance to obtain veterans benefits.

Proposed law provides relative to veterans benefits.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits compensation for assisting any individual to obtain veterans benefits or referring any individual to another individual for assistance to obtain veterans benefits.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>proposed law</u> shall not be construed to prohibit a division of fees between attorneys that is otherwise proper under La. law and the La. Rules of Professional Conduct.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a violation of <u>proposed law</u> shall be a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any person who violates <u>proposed law</u> shall be held to the same ethical standards as an attorney is held to in certain areas of the La. Rules of Professional Conduct.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 29:26.2)