

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

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VETERANS: Provides relative to National Guard death and disability benefits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:26.1(B)(9) (introductory paragraph), relative to the Louisiana
3 National Guard; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to death and
4 disability benefits; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:26.1(B)(9)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §26.1. National Guard death and disability benefits

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10 B. Definitions. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the
11 following meanings unless a different meaning is clearly required by context:

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13 (9) "Period of activation" means service during any declared national
14 emergency or contingency operations as defined by 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13), or during
15 ~~any state of emergency declared by the governor of the state of Louisiana~~ any period
16 of state active duty ordered by the governor of the state of Louisiana pursuant to R.S.
17 29:7, within any of the following:

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1 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all deaths or disabilities occurring
2 on or after January 1, 2024.

3 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
7 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 61 Reengrossed

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Horton

Abstract: Provides relative to death and disability benefits for Louisiana National Guardsmen or their beneficiaries.

Present law provides for death and disability benefits for members of the La. National Guard or their beneficiaries.

Present law provides for benefits for death and disability incurred during a period of activation, subsequent to Sept. 11, 2001, in the line of duty to a guardsman or his beneficiary.

Proposed law retains present law and modifies the definition of "period of activation".

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

(Amends R.S. 29:26.1(B)(9)(intro. para.))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Modify the definition of "period of activation".
3. Add an effective date.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.