

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 203 (SB 51)

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New law creates the crime of fraudulent representation of military service or awards. New law makes it unlawful for a person to make a false representation that he has received or otherwise holds a military service record or award that was either revoked or not granted, achieved, assigned, or earned with intent to injure, defraud, obtain economic gain, advantage, benefit, or secure any privilege for himself or another.

New law provides that a person who commits the crime of fraudulent representation of military service or awards will be fined up to \$1,000, or imprisoned for up to six months, or both.

New law provides that whoever commits the crime of fraudulent representation of military service or awards with regard to any of the following military awards or honors will be fined up to \$5,000, imprisoned with or without hard labor for up to one year, or both:

- (1) Congressional Medal of Honor.
- (2) Distinguished-service cross.
- (3) Navy cross.
- (4) Air Force cross.
- (5) Silver star.
- (6) Purple Heart.
- (7) Combat Action Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, or Combat Action Medal.
- (8) A replacement or duplicate of any of these awards.

New law provides that whoever commits the crime of fraudulent representation of military service or awards when the fraudulent representation results in the issuance of a benefit reserved to active duty service members, veterans, or the family members of active duty service members or veterans will be fined up to \$10,000, imprisoned with or without hard labor for up to five years, or both. New law further provides that the offender must pay full restitution of the benefit received in violation of new law.

New law defines "award", "service record", and "veteran".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 14:67.30)