
DIGEST

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HB No. 143

Abstract: Provides for death and disability benefits, in the amount of \$250,000 and \$100,000 respectively, for members of the La. National Guard.

Proposed law provides for death benefits in the amount of \$250,000 for a guardsman who is killed or has otherwise died in the line of duty while on state or federal active duty. Provides for disability benefits in the amount of \$100,000 for a guardsman who is disabled due to injuries suffered in the line of duty while on state or federal active duty.

Proposed law provides for the following exceptions:

- (1) The guardsman was not in the line of duty when he was injured, killed, or died.
- (2) The guardsman was in a training status when he was injured, killed, or died.

Proposed law provides that eligibility determinations for death benefits shall be made by the adjutant general or his designee, and that eligibility determinations for disability benefits shall be made by the secretary of the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Proposed law defines "beneficiary", "federal active duty", "guardsman", "qualifying disability", and "state active duty".

(Amends R.S. 23:1211; Adds R.S. 29:26.1; Repeals R.S. 22:941(A)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Changed the definition of "qualifying disability".
2. Clarified that proposed law applies when a guardsman is either killed or has otherwise died.