
DIGEST

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HB No. 18

Abstract: Increases penalties for certain crimes of battery when the victim is an active member of the armed forces or a disabled veteran.

Present law provides for the crimes of aggravated battery, second degree battery, and aggravated second degree battery.

Proposed law retains provisions of present law and adds to each of these crimes a minimum mandatory sentence of one year if the offender has reasonable grounds to believe that the victim is an active member of the United States Armed Forces or is a disabled veteran.

Proposed law defines "active member of the United States Armed Forces" and "disabled veteran".

(Amends R.S. 14:34, 34.1(B) and (C), and 34.7)