
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 present law and adds to each of these crimes a minimum mandatory sentence of one year if the offender knew or should have known that the victim is an active member of the United States Armed Forces or is a disabled veteran and the battery was committed because of that status.

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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

1. Changed the intent provisions of proposed law to provide that the offender knew or should have known that the victim was an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a disabled veteran.
2. Added requirement that the battery occurred as a result of the status of the victim as an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a disabled veteran.