

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

New law 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.

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

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