

1 HB416
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would extend access to facilities owned by the Alabama National Guard to certain veterans and their caregivers who do not now have access to those facilities.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama National Guard; to extend access to facilities owned by the Alabama National Guard to certain veterans and their caregivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) CAREGIVER. The same meaning as provided in 38 U.S.C. § 1720G(d), or its successor, if any.

(2) FAMILY CAREGIVER. The same meaning as provided in 38 U.S.C. § 1720G(d), or its successor, if any.

1 (3) FORMER PRISONER OF WAR. The same meaning as
2 provided in 38 U.S.C. § 101, or its successor, if any.

3 (4) MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT. The same meaning as
4 provided in 10 U.S.C § 1074H(c), or its successor, if any.

5 (5) SERVICE-CONNECTED. The same meaning as provided
6 in 38 U.S.C. § 101, or its successor, if any.

7 (6) VETERAN. The same meaning as provided in 38
8 U.S.C. § 101, or its successor, if any.

9 (b) In addition to all other benefits, the following
10 persons shall be permitted to use the facilities owned by the
11 Alabama National Guard on the same basis as a member of the
12 United States Armed Forces who is entitled to retired or
13 retainer pay:

14 (1) A veteran who is a Medal of Honor recipient.

15 (2) A veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart.

16 (3) A veteran who is a former prisoner of war.

17 (4) A veteran with a service-connected disability.

18 (5) A caregiver or a family caregiver of a veteran.

19 (c) The Adjutant General of the Alabama National
20 Guard is authorized to adopt rules necessary to implement this
21 section.

22 (d) Nothing in this section is deemed to limit the
23 authority of the Alabama National Guard to control access to
24 locations or facilities in order to maintain security and good
25 order.

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.