

1 HB737
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3 By Representative Bridges
4 RFD: Military and Veterans Affairs
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law provides for the Alabama State
9 Defense Force to assist the Alabama National Guard
10 when the National Guard is called in federal
11 service or by executive order of the Governor.

12 This bill would specify the Alabama State
13 Defense Force would be an augmentation force to the
14 Alabama National Guard and authorize the Adjutant
15 General to adopt rules concerning the operation of
16 the State Defense Force.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT
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22 To amend Section 31-2-8 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
23 relating to the Alabama State Defense Force, to specify that
24 the State Defense Force would be an augmentation force to the
25 Alabama National Guard and to authorize the Adjutant General
26 to adopt rules providing further for the operation of the
27 State Defense Force.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 31-2-8 of the Code of Alabama
3 1975, is amended to read as follows:

4 "§31-2-8.

5 "In the event of all or part of the National Guard
6 of Alabama being called, drafted, or ordered into the service
7 of the United States, the Governor ~~is hereby authorized to~~ may
8 organize, equip, train, and maintain, only during periods when
9 the National Guard of Alabama is in the federal service or
10 when the Governor declares by executive order, at ~~such~~ the
11 strength and in ~~such~~ the organizations and branches of the
12 service as he or she may deem advisable, a temporary ~~military~~
13 augmentation force designated as the Alabama State Defense
14 Force, ~~similar to the National Guard and organized for the~~
15 ~~same state purposes, and if authorized by federal laws, it~~
16 ~~shall be organized, maintained, and trained under the~~
17 ~~provisions of the National Defense Act for the organization,~~
18 ~~maintenance and training of the National Guard; provided that~~
19 ~~comparable organizations shall be disbanded and discharged~~
20 ~~from the service of the state on the release or discharge of~~
21 ~~the National Guard of Alabama, or units thereof, from the~~
22 ~~federal service and return to its National Guard status~~ for
23 the purpose of augmenting and assisting the Alabama National
24 Guard under the command of the Adjutant General. The Adjutant
25 General may adopt rules governing the activities and
26 employment of the Alabama State Defense Force and the rules

1 may be amended from time to time as determined necessary by
2 the Adjutant General."

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.