

HOUSE BILL 1504

By Rogers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-1-304 and Title 58, Chapter 1, Part 4, relative to the Tennessee state guard.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

The following standards shall apply to the wear and appearance of uniforms of the Tennessee state guard:

(1) Except as provided in this section, the wear and appearance of uniforms of the state guard shall be governed by United States army regulation 670-1;

(2) The state guard shall use the same version of combat and service uniforms issued to members of the Tennessee national guard;

(3) When the United States army transitions to a new combat or service uniform, the state guard shall begin the transition of combat or service uniforms at the same time as the Tennessee national guard. The deadline for the state guard to complete the transition to a new combat or service uniform shall be determined by the commanding general of the state guard; and

(4) To distinguish state guard personnel from armed forces personnel, the following uniform standards shall apply:

(A) For the combat uniform:

(i) The Tennessee flag patch shall be worn on the right shoulder instead of the United States flag patch;

(ii) Branch tape that reads "TN State Guard" shall be worn above the left breast pocket; and

(iii) The state guard subdued unit patch shall be worn on the left shoulder; and

(B) For the service uniform, lapel insignia that reads "TN" shall be worn in place of the "U.S." lapel insignia.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.