ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>HB0082</u>

ENROLLED ACT NO. 33, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2022 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to veterans benefits and exemptions; allowing veterans to be considered honorably discharged if discharged solely for refusing a COVID-19 vaccine as specified; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 8-1-102(a) by creating a new paragraph (xx) is amended to read:

8-1-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in the statutes unless the legislature clearly specifies a different meaning or interpretation or the context clearly requires a different meaning:

(xx) "Honorable discharge" or "honorably discharged," for purposes of law providing Wyoming benefits or exemptions, shall include any veteran of the United States armed forces or national guard whose discharge was general or other than honorable solely as a result of having refused a vaccine for COVID-19 as defined in W.S. 1-1-141(a)(ii). ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>HB0082</u>

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Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk