

COMMITTEE ON FEDERALISM, MILITARY AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2030  
(Reference to printed bill)

Amendment instruction key:

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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Section 1. Title 13, chapter 24, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding section 13-2414, to read:

4 13-2414. Impersonating a veteran; classification; definition

5 A. A PERSON COMMITS IMPERSONATING A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES  
6 ARMED FORCES IF ~~[THE PERSON KNOWINGLY PRETENDS TO BE A VETERAN AND ENGAGES~~  
7 ~~IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDUCT WITH THE INTENT TO INDUCE ANOTHER TO~~  
8 ~~SUBMIT TO THE PERSON'S PRETENDED OFFICIAL AUTHORITY OR TO RELY ON THE~~  
9 ~~PERSON'S PRETENDED OFFICIAL ACTS][WITH INTENT TO OBTAIN ANY BENEFIT OR IN~~  
10 ~~FURTHERANCE OF A CAMPAIGN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE]:~~

11 1. ~~[IMPERSONATING A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO~~  
12 ~~OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT OR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, TO SECURE VOTES, CAMPAIGN~~  
13 ~~CONTRIBUTIONS OR POLITICAL ADVANTAGES OR TO CLAIM VETERAN BENEFITS SUCH AS~~  
14 ~~HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION OR DISABILITY COMPENSATION][THE PERSON PRETENDS TO~~  
15 ~~BE A VETERAN OF ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES~~  
16 ~~WITHOUT HAVING SERVED IN THAT BRANCH AS AN ENLISTED SERVICEMEMBER, WARRANT~~  
17 ~~OFFICER OR COMMISSIONED OFFICER].~~

18 2. ~~[WEARING, DISPLAYING OR CLAIMING ENTITLEMENT TO ANY AWARD IN ANY~~  
19 ~~BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:~~

- 20 ~~(a) MEDAL OF HONOR.~~  
21 ~~(b) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.~~  
22 ~~(c) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.~~  
23 ~~(d) SILVER STAR MEDAL.~~  
24 ~~(e) LEGION OF MERIT.~~  
25 ~~(f) DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.~~  
26 ~~(g) BRONZE STAR MEDAL.~~  
27 ~~(h) PURPLE HEART.~~  
28 ~~(i) MERITORIOUS SILVER MEDAL.~~

1 ~~(j) COMMENDATION MEDAL.~~

2 ~~(k) ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL][THE PERSON PRETENDS TO BE A RECIPIENT OF A~~  
3 ~~DECORATION, MEDAL, BADGE OR TAB THAT WAS NOT LAWFULLY EARNED THROUGH~~  
4 ~~MILITARY SERVICE].~~

5 3. [FALSIFYING OR ALTERING MILITARY DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ANY  
6 CERTIFICATES OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY, OR PERSONNEL  
7 FILES][THE PERSON PRETENDS TO HAVE GRADUATED FROM A MILITARY SCHOOL FROM  
8 WHICH THE PERSON DID NOT GRADUATE OR TO HAVE OBTAINED A RATING OR MILITARY  
9 OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY THAT THE PERSON DID NOT OBTAIN].

10 [4. FALSELY CLAIMING ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIES  
11 OR SCHOOLS:

12 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.

13 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.

14 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.

15 (d) UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY.

16 (e) UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.

17 (f) UNITED STATES MARINE CORP AND UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT  
18 MAJORS ACADEMY.

19 (g) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CHIEFS COURSE.

20 (h) UNITED STATES NAVY SENIOR ENLISTED ACADEMY.

21 (i) ALL OTHER MILITARY BRANCH SCHOOLS THAT PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL  
22 SKILLS IDENTIFIER QUALIFICATION, INCLUDING RANGER, SEAL, RECON OR SPECIAL  
23 FORCES.]

24 ~~[4.] [5.] [FALSELY WEARING, FOR PERSONAL BENEFIT, ANY COMBAT-~~  
25 ~~RELATED OR SPECIAL SKILLS BADGES AND TABS NOT LAWFULLY EARNED THROUGH~~  
26 ~~MILITARY SERVICE][THE PERSON FALSELY PRETENDS TO BE A COMBAT VETERAN].~~

27 [6. THE PERSON FALSIFIES OR ALTERS MILITARY DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS.

28 7. THE PERSON PRETENDS TO HAVE RECEIVED A CHARACTERIZATION OF  
29 DISCHARGE THAT THE PERSON DID NOT RECEIVE.]

30 B. [IT IS NOT A DEFENSE TO A PROSECUTION UNDER THIS SECTION THAT  
31 THE VETERAN THE PERSON PRETENDED TO BE DID NOT IN FACT EXIST OR THAT THE  
32 PRETENDED VETERAN DID NOT IN FACT POSSESS THE AUTHORITY CLAIMED BY THE  
33 PRETENDED VETERAN][CERTIFIED SEPARATION DOCUMENTS FROM THE APPLICABLE  
34 UNIFORMED SERVICE OR THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORD ADMINISTRATION THAT  
35 SUPPORT THE PERSON'S CLAIMS CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE DEFENSE TO PROSECUTION.  
36 BEFORE FILING A COMPLAINT OR SEEKING AN INDICTMENT, A PROSECUTING AGENCY  
37 MUST OBTAIN FROM THE APPLICABLE UNIFORMED SERVICE OR THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
38 AND RECORD ADMINISTRATION A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE PERSON'S SEPARATION  
39 DOCUMENTS OR RECEIVE NOTICE THAT SUCH DOCUMENTS DO NOT EXIST].

40 C. [IF THE PERSON IS SERVING AS A STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL OR  
41 DISTRICT ELECTED OFFICIAL AT THE TIME THE PERSON IS CONVICTED OF A  
42 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE PERSON MUST BE REMOVED FROM THAT OFFICE  
43 WITHIN TEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER SENTENCING][IF THE PERSON IS SERVING AS A  
44 STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL OR DISTRICT ELECTED OFFICIAL AT THE TIME OF  
45 CONVICTION, THE PERSON SHALL BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE WITHIN TEN CALENDAR  
46 DAYS AFTER SENTENCING].

1           D. ~~[IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS A CLASS 4 FELONY. IMPERSONATING A~~  
2 ~~VETERAN IS A CLASS 3 FELONY IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVED A BENEFIT WITH A~~  
3 ~~VALUE OF AT LEAST \$5,000 BUT LESS THAN \$10,000. IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS~~  
4 ~~A CLASS 2 FELONY IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVED A BENEFIT WITH A VALUE OF AT~~  
5 ~~LEAST \$50,000 AND THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE,~~  
6 ~~PROBATION, PARDON OR RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT ON ANY BASIS EXCEPT PURSUANT~~  
7 ~~TO SECTION 31-233, SUBSECTION A OR B UNTIL THE SENTENCE IMPOSED BY THE~~  
8 ~~COURT HAS BEEN SERVED, THE PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE PURSUANT TO~~  
9 ~~SECTION 41-1604.07 OR THE SENTENCE IS COMMUTED]~~~~[THIS SECTION DOES NOT~~  
10 ~~APPLY TO ACTORS OR ACTRESSES WHO PLAY A VETERAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH A ROLE~~  
11 ~~IN A PRODUCTION INTENDED FOR ENTERTAINMENT OR TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING~~  
12 ~~HOMELESSNESS WHO SOLICIT DONATIONS OF LESS THAN \$50].~~

13           E. IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR. IMPERSONATING  
14 A VETERAN IS A CLASS 6 FELONY IF THE BENEFIT OBTAINED HAS A VALUE OF AT  
15 LEAST \$500 BUT LESS THAN \$5,000. IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS A CLASS 5  
16 FELONY IF THE BENEFIT OBTAINED HAS A VALUE OF AT LEAST \$5,000 BUT LESS  
17 THAN \$10,000. IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS A CLASS 4 FELONY IF THE BENEFIT  
18 OBTAINED IS AT LEAST \$10,000 OR IF THE PERSON IMPERSONATES A VETERAN IN  
19 FURTHERANCE OF A CAMPAIGN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE.]

20           F. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "COMBAT VETERAN" MEANS A CURRENT  
21 OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES WHO SERVED IN A LOCATION WHERE  
22 THE RECEIPT OF IMMINENT DANGER PAY OR HOSTILE FIRE PAY WAS AUTHORIZED.]

23           Sec. 2. Short title

24           This act may be cited as the "Master Sergeant Orlando Dona Valor  
25 Act".

26 Enroll and engross to conform

27 Amend title to conform

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