

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION



Bill Number: **SB 1424**

Blackman Floor Amendment

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- Exempts a person convicted of a class 6 felony for the offense of impersonating a veteran from the designation requirement that such an offense not involving a dangerous offense and meeting other criteria be initially treated as a misdemeanor.
 - Adds an applicability clause.

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ADDITIONAL COW
BLACKMAN FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1424
(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

Amendment instruction key:

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<<Green carets>> indicate a section added to the bill.
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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; definitions

5 A. A PERSON COMMITS IMPERSONATING A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES
6 ARMED FORCES IF THE PERSON KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THEMSELVES TO BE A
7 VETERAN AND ENGAGES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDUCT WITH THE INTENT TO
8 OBTAIN MONEY, PROPERTY OR ANY TANGIBLE BENEFIT:

9 1. THE PERSON KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THEMSELVES TO BE A VETERAN OF
10 ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT HAVING
11 SERVED IN THAT BRANCH AS AN ENLISTED SERVICE MEMBER, WARRANT OFFICER OR
12 COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

13 2. THE PERSON KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THEMSELVES TO BE A RECIPIENT
14 OF A DECORATION, MEDAL, BADGE OR TAB THAT WAS NOT LAWFULLY EARNED THROUGH
15 MILITARY SERVICE.

16 3. THE PERSON KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THEMSELVES TO HAVE GRADUATED
17 FROM A MILITARY SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE PERSON DID NOT GRADUATE OR TO HAVE
18 OBTAINED A RATING OR MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY THAT THE PERSON DID
19 NOT OBTAIN.

20 4. THE PERSON FALSELY CLAIMS ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
21 ACADEMIES OR SCHOOLS:

22 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.

23 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.

24 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.

25 (d) UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY.

26 (e) UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.

1 (f) UNITED STATES MARINE CORP AND UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT
2 MAJORS ACADEMY.

3 (g) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CHIEFS COURSE.

4 (h) UNITED STATES NAVY SENIOR ENLISTED ACADEMY.

5 (i) ALL OTHER MILITARY BRANCH SCHOOLS THAT PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL
6 SKILLS IDENTIFIER QUALIFICATION, INCLUDING RANGER, SEAL, RECON OR SPECIAL
7 FORCES.

8 5. THE PERSON KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THEMSELVES TO BE A COMBAT
9 VETERAN.

10 6. THE PERSON FALSIFIES OR ALTERS MILITARY DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS.

11 7. THE PERSON KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THEMSELVES TO HAVE RECEIVED A
12 CHARACTERIZATION OF DISCHARGE THAT THE PERSON DID NOT RECEIVE.

13 8. THE PERSON KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THEMSELVES TO BE A VETERAN
14 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION IN THE FURTHERANCE OF A CAMPAIGN FOR POLITICAL
15 OFFICE.

16 B. CERTIFIED SEPARATION DOCUMENTS FROM THE APPLICABLE UNIFORMED
17 SERVICE OR THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORD ADMINISTRATION THAT SUPPORT
18 THE PERSON'S CLAIMS CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE DEFENSE TO PROSECUTION. BEFORE
19 FILING A COMPLAINT OR SEEKING AN INDICTMENT, A PROSECUTING AGENCY SHALL
20 OBTAIN FROM THE APPLICABLE UNIFORMED SERVICE OR THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND
21 RECORD ADMINISTRATION A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE PERSON'S SEPARATION
22 DOCUMENTS OR SHALL RECEIVE NOTICE THAT SUCH DOCUMENTS DO NOT EXIST.

23 ~~[C. IF THE PERSON IS SERVING AS A STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL OR~~
24 ~~DISTRICT ELECTED OFFICIAL AT THE TIME OF CONVICTION, THE PERSON SHALL BE~~
25 ~~REMOVED FROM OFFICE WITHIN TEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER SENTENCING.]~~

26 ~~[D.]~~ [C.] THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ACTORS OR ACTRESSES WHO
27 PLAY A VETERAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH A ROLE IN A PRODUCTION INTENDED FOR
28 ENTERTAINMENT OR TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

29 ~~[E.]~~ [D.] IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR~~[.]~~ [.]
30 ~~EXCEPT THAT]~~ IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS A CLASS 6 FELONY IF THE BENEFIT
31 OBTAINED HAS A VALUE OF AT LEAST ~~[\$500 BUT LESS THAN \$5,000.~~
32 ~~IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS A CLASS 5 FELONY IF THE BENEFIT OBTAINED HAS A~~
33 ~~VALUE OF AT LEAST \$5,000 BUT LESS THAN \$10,000. IMPERSONATING A VETERAN~~
34 ~~IS A CLASS 4 FELONY IF THE BENEFIT OBTAINED IS AT LEAST \$10,000]~~
35 ~~[\$50,000].~~

36 ~~[E. IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF A CLASS 6 FELONY PURSUANT TO THIS~~
37 ~~SECTION, SECTION 13-604 DOES NOT APPLY.]~~

38 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

39 1. "COMBAT VETERAN" MEANS A CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE
40 UNIFORMED SERVICES WHO SERVED IN A LOCATION WHERE THE RECEIPT OF IMMINENT
41 DANGER PAY OR HOSTILE FIRE PAY WAS AUTHORIZED.

42 2. "TANGIBLE BENEFIT" MEANS FINANCIAL REMUNERATION, AN EFFECT ON
43 THE OUTCOME OF A CRIMINAL OR CIVIL COURT PROCEEDING, OR ANY BENEFIT
44 RELATING TO SERVICE IN THE MILITARY THAT IS PROVIDED BY A FEDERAL, STATE
45 OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

1 <<Sec. 2. Applicability
2 [A person who is convicted of an offense pursuant to section 13-
3 2414, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, is subject to all
4 applicable penalties and provisions of law, including disqualification
5 from public office as provided by law.]>>
6 Sec. 3. Short title
7 This act may be cited as the "Master Sergeant Orlando Dona Valor
8 Act".

9 Enroll and engross to conform
10 Amend title to conform

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