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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STOLEN VALOR ACT; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO ESTABLISH THE STOLEN VALOR ACT.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 37, Subchapter 2, is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 5-37-218. Stolen valor.

24 (a) As used in this section, "United States Armed Forces" means:

25 (1) Any branch or reserve component of the United States Armed
26 Forces; and

27 (2) The National Guard of any state.

28 (b) A person commits the offense of stolen valor if, with the purpose
29 to obtain property, a service, or a benefit, he or she knowingly
30 misrepresents himself or herself:

31 (1) By the use of false military identification, including
32 without limitation a:

33 (A) United States Department of Defense identification
34 card;

35 (B) Military veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge
36 from Active Duty, generally referred to as a "DD Form 214"; or



- 1 (C) Department of Veterans Affairs identification card;
- 2 (2) To be an active member or veteran of the United States Armed
- 3 Forces;
- 4 (3) To be a recipient of a military decoration, medal, or badge;
- 5 (4) To be a holder of an awarded qualification or military
- 6 occupational specialty, including without limitation the following
- 7 designations:
 - 8 (A) Aircraft pilot, navigator, or crew member;
 - 9 (B) Navy SEAL or diver;
 - 10 (C) United States Army Ranger;
 - 11 (D) United States Special Forces member;
 - 12 (E) Parachutist; or
 - 13 (F) Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician;
 - 14 (5) To be a recipient of the:
 - 15 (A) Medal of Honor;
 - 16 (B) Distinguished Service Cross;
 - 17 (C) Navy Cross;
 - 18 (D) Air Force Cross;
 - 19 (E) Silver Star Medal;
 - 20 (F) Purple Heart;
 - 21 (G) Combat Infantryman Badge;
 - 22 (H) Combat Action Badge;
 - 23 (I) Combat Medical Badge;
 - 24 (J) Combat Action Ribbon; or
 - 25 (K) Combat Action Medal;
 - 26 (6) To have been a prisoner of war; or
 - 27 (7) To be suffering the medical or mental effects of:
 - 28 (A) Being a prisoner of war; or
 - 29 (B) Performing combat duties.
- 30 (c) Stolen valor is a:
 - 31 (1) Class B misdemeanor for a second or subsequent violation or
 - 32 for a violation under subdivision (b)(5) of this section; or
 - 33 (2) Class C misdemeanor if otherwise committed.
- 34 (d) The fines collected under this section by the municipality or
- 35 county where the offense occurred shall be distributed to the Department of
- 36 Veterans Affairs to be used to maintain and operate the Veteran's Home

1 established under § 20-81-105.
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