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10 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

15 TO ESTABLISH THE STOLEN VALOR ACT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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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; or

26 (6) To have been a prisoner of war.

27 (c) Stolen valor is a:

28 (1) Class B misdemeanor for a second or subsequent violation or
29 for a violation under subdivision (b)(5) of this section; or

30 (2) Class C misdemeanor if otherwise committed.

31 (d) The fines collected under this section by the municipality or
32 county where the offense occurred shall be distributed to the Department of
33 Veterans Affairs to be used to maintain and operate the Veteran's Home
34 established under § 20-81-105.

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