

1 SB278  
2 135183-1  
3 By Senators Williams and Allen  
4 RFD: Veterans and Military Affairs  
5 First Read: 09-FEB-12

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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law provides for the Alabama State  
9 Defense Force to assist the Alabama National Guard  
10 when the National Guard is called in federal  
11 service or by executive order of the Governor.

12 This bill would specify the Alabama State  
13 Defense Force would be an augmentation force to the  
14 Alabama National Guard and authorize the Adjutant  
15 General to adopt rules concerning the operation of  
16 the State Defense Force.

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18 A BILL  
19 TO BE ENTITLED  
20 AN ACT  
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22 To amend Section 31-2-8 of the Code of Alabama 1975,  
23 relating to the Alabama State Defense Force, to specify that  
24 the State Defense Force would be an augmentation force to the  
25 Alabama National Guard and to authorize the Adjutant General  
26 to adopt rules providing further for the operation of the  
27 State Defense Force.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 31-2-8 of the Code of Alabama  
3 1975, is amended to read as follows:

4 "§31-2-8.

5 "In the event of all or part of the National Guard  
6 of Alabama being called, drafted, or ordered into the service  
7 of the United States, the Governor is hereby authorized to may  
8 organize, equip, train, and maintain, only during periods when  
9 the National Guard of Alabama is in the federal service or  
10 when the Governor declares by executive order, at such the  
11 strength and in such the organizations and branches of the  
12 service as he or she may deem advisable, a temporary military  
13 augmentation force designated as the Alabama State Defense  
14 Force, similar to the National Guard and organized for the  
15 same state purposes, and if authorized by federal laws, it  
16 shall be organized, maintained, and trained under the  
17 provisions of the National Defense Act for the organization,  
18 maintenance and training of the National Guard; provided that  
19 comparable organizations shall be disbanded and discharged  
20 from the service of the state on the release or discharge of  
21 the National Guard of Alabama, or units thereof, from the  
22 federal service and return to its National Guard status for  
23 the purpose of augmenting and assisting the Alabama National  
24 Guard under the command of the Adjutant General. The Adjutant  
25 General may adopt rules governing the activities and  
26 employment of the Alabama State Defense Force and the rules

1        may be amended from time to time as determined necessary by  
2        the Adjutant General."

3                    Section 2. This act shall become effective  
4        immediately following its passage and approval by the  
5        Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.