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3 By Representative Wood (R)
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would extend access to facilities
9 owned by the Alabama National Guard to certain
10 veterans and their caregivers who do not now have
11 access to those facilities.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to the Alabama National Guard; to extend
18 access to facilities owned by the Alabama National Guard to
19 certain veterans and their caregivers.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. As used in this act, the following terms
22 shall have the following meanings:

23 (1) MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT. The same meaning as
24 provided in Section 1074H(c) of Title 10 of the United States
25 Code and its successor, if any.

1 (2) VETERAN. The same meaning as provided in Section
2 101 of Title 38 of the United States Code and its successor,
3 if any.

4 (3) FORMER PRISONER OF WAR. The same meaning as
5 provided in Section 101 of Title 38 of the United States Code
6 and its successor, if any.

7 (4) SERVICE-CONNECTED. The same meaning as provided
8 in Section 101 of Title 38 of the United States Code and its
9 successor, if any.

10 (5) CAREGIVER. The same meaning as provided in
11 Section 1720G(d) of Title 38 of the United States Code and its
12 successor, if any.

13 (6) FAMILY CAREGIVER. The same meaning as provided
14 in Section 1720G(d) of Title 38 of the United States Code and
15 its successor, if any.

16 Section 2. In addition to all other benefits, the
17 following persons shall be permitted to use the facilities
18 owned by the Alabama National Guard on the same basis as a
19 member of the United States Armed Forces who is entitled to
20 retired or retainer pay:

21 (1) A veteran who is a Medal of Honor recipient.

22 (2) A veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart.

23 (3) A veteran who is a former prisoner of war.

24 (4) A veteran with a service-connected disability.

25 (5) A caregiver or a family caregiver of a veteran.

1 Section 3. The Adjutant General of the Alabama
2 National Guard is authorized to adopt rules necessary to
3 implement this act.

4 Section 4. Nothing in this act is deemed to limit
5 the authority of the Alabama National Guard to control access
6 to locations or facilities in order to maintain security and
7 good order.

8 Section 5. This act shall become effective on the
9 first day of the third month following its passage and
10 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.