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3 By Representative Wood (R)  
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ENROLLED, An Act,

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) CAREGIVER. The same meaning as provided in 38 U.S.C. § 1720G(d), or its successor, if any.

(2) FAMILY CAREGIVER. The same meaning as provided in 38 U.S.C. § 1720G(d), or its successor, if any.

(3) FORMER PRISONER OF WAR. The same meaning as provided in 38 U.S.C. § 101, or its successor, if any.

(4) MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT. The same meaning as provided in 10 U.S.C § 1074H(c), or its successor, if any.

(5) SERVICE-CONNECTED. The same meaning as provided in 38 U.S.C. § 101, or its successor, if any.

(6) VETERAN. The same meaning as provided in 38 U.S.C. § 101, or its successor, if any.

(b) In addition to all other benefits, the following persons shall be permitted to use the facilities owned by the Alabama National Guard on the same basis as a member of the United States Armed Forces who is entitled to retired or retainer pay:

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

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

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

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

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

6 (c) The Adjutant General of the Alabama National  
7 Guard is authorized to adopt rules necessary to implement this  
8 section.

9 (d) Nothing in this section is deemed to limit the  
10 authority of the Alabama National Guard to control access to  
11 locations or facilities in order to maintain security and good  
12 order.

13 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
14 first day of the third month following its passage and  
15 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 16-MAR-21.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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Senate

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