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**SYNOPSIS**

Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on November 8, 2021, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning certain crimes and amending N.J.S.38A:14-5.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. N.J.S.38A:14-5 is amended to read as follows:

7 38A:14-5. Any person who knowingly, with intent to  
8 impersonate and with intent to deceive, misrepresents oneself as a  
9 member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or organized  
10 militia by wearing the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized  
11 for use by the members or veterans of the United States Armed  
12 Forces or the organized militia, by Federal and State laws and  
13 regulations, shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

14 Any person who knowingly, with intent to impersonate and with  
15 intent to deceive for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or  
16 other tangible benefit, misrepresents oneself as a member or veteran  
17 of the United States Armed Forces or organized militia by wearing  
18 the uniform or any medal or insignia authorized for use by the  
19 members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the  
20 organized militia, by Federal and State laws and regulations, shall  
21 be guilty of a crime of the third degree, subject to a minimum fine  
22 of \$1,000, if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible  
23 benefit in an amount less than \$75,000; or a crime of the second  
24 degree, if the actor obtains money, property or other tangible  
25 benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more.

26 Any person who knowingly, with intent to deceive for the  
27 purpose of obtaining money, property, or other tangible benefit,  
28 holds oneself out to be a recipient of any decoration or medal  
29 created by Federal and State laws and regulations to honor the  
30 members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the  
31 organized militia shall be guilty of a crime of the third degree,  
32 subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000, if the actor obtains money,  
33 property or other tangible benefit in the amount less than \$75,000;  
34 or a crime of the second degree, if the actor obtains money,  
35 property or other tangible benefit in the amount of \$75,000 or more.

36 Any monies collected pursuant to this section shall be forwarded  
37 to the State Treasurer, and shall <sup>1</sup>**【annually be appropriated to】** be  
38 deposited into<sup>1</sup> the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund, as  
39 established pursuant to P.L.2015, c.117 (C.18A:71B-98 et seq.), in  
40 the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. <sup>1</sup>**【Until such**  
41 **time as the Military Dependents Scholarship Fund is established,**  
42 any monies collected pursuant to this section shall be forwarded to  
43 the State Treasurer, and deposited into the "NJ National Guard State  
44 Family Readiness Council Fund," as established, pursuant to section

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup>**Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted November 8, 2021.**

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1 1 of P.L.2011, c.117 (C.54A:9-25.29).**】**<sup>1</sup>

2 (cf: P.L.2015, c.118, s.1)

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.