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## **HB 2030**

Introduced by  
Representative Blackman

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 24, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 13-2414; RELATING TO OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 13, chapter 24, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding section 13-2414, to read:

4 13-2414. Impersonating a veteran; classification

5 A. A PERSON COMMITS IMPERSONATING A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES  
6 ARMED FORCES IF THE PERSON KNOWINGLY PRETENDS TO BE A VETERAN AND ENGAGES  
7 IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDUCT WITH THE INTENT TO INDUCE ANOTHER TO  
8 SUBMIT TO THE PERSON'S PRETENDED OFFICIAL AUTHORITY OR TO RELY ON THE  
9 PERSON'S PRETENDED OFFICIAL ACTS:

10 1. IMPERSONATING A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO  
11 OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT OR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, TO SECURE VOTES, CAMPAIGN  
12 CONTRIBUTIONS OR POLITICAL ADVANTAGES OR TO CLAIM VETERAN BENEFITS SUCH AS  
13 HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION OR DISABILITY COMPENSATION.

14 2. WEARING, DISPLAYING OR CLAIMING ENTITLEMENT TO ANY AWARD IN ANY  
15 BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- 16 (a) MEDAL OF HONOR.
- 17 (b) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.
- 18 (c) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.
- 19 (d) SILVER STAR MEDAL.
- 20 (e) LEGION OF MERIT.
- 21 (f) DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.
- 22 (g) BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
- 23 (h) PURPLE HEART.
- 24 (i) MERITORIOUS SILVER MEDAL.
- 25 (j) COMMENDATION MEDAL.
- 26 (k) ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL.

27 3. FALSIFYING OR ALTERING MILITARY DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ANY  
28 CERTIFICATES OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY, OR PERSONNEL FILES.

29 4. FALSELY WEARING, FOR PERSONAL BENEFIT, ANY COMBAT-RELATED OR  
30 SPECIAL SKILLS BADGES AND TABS NOT LAWFULLY EARNED THROUGH MILITARY  
31 SERVICE.

32 B. IT IS NOT A DEFENSE TO A PROSECUTION UNDER THIS SECTION THAT THE  
33 VETERAN THE PERSON PRETENDED TO BE DID NOT IN FACT EXIST OR THAT THE  
34 PRETENDED VETERAN DID NOT IN FACT POSSESS THE AUTHORITY CLAIMED BY THE  
35 PRETENDED VETERAN.

36 C. IF THE PERSON IS SERVING AS A STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL OR  
37 DISTRICT ELECTED OFFICIAL AT THE TIME THE PERSON IS CONVICTED OF A  
38 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE PERSON MUST BE REMOVED FROM THAT OFFICE  
39 WITHIN TEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER SENTENCING.

40 D. IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS A CLASS 4 FELONY. IMPERSONATING A  
41 VETERAN IS A CLASS 3 FELONY IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVED A BENEFIT WITH A  
42 VALUE OF AT LEAST \$5,000 BUT LESS THAN \$10,000. IMPERSONATING A VETERAN IS  
43 A CLASS 2 FELONY IF THE VIOLATION INVOLVED A BENEFIT WITH A VALUE OF AT  
44 LEAST \$50,000 AND THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE,

1 PROBATION, PARDON OR RELEASE FROM CONFINEMENT ON ANY BASIS EXCEPT PURSUANT  
2 TO SECTION 31-233, SUBSECTION A OR B UNTIL THE SENTENCE IMPOSED BY THE  
3 COURT HAS BEEN SERVED, THE PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE PURSUANT TO  
4 SECTION 41-1604.07 OR THE SENTENCE IS COMMUTED.

5 Sec. 2. Short title

6 This act may be cited as the "Master Sergeant Orlando Dona Valor  
7 Act".