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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Air Force, United States Coast Guard, and United States Space Force are collectively referred to as the United States Armed Forces.

Also, under existing law, the United States Armed Forces, along with the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps, are collectively referred to as the United States Uniformed Services.

This bill would create the Troy Act.

This bill would provide that all references to the United States Uniformed Services in the Code of Alabama 1975, and other state law, shall include the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

This bill would also direct the Code Commissioner to make conforming changes to the Code of Alabama 1975, as appropriate.



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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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34 Relating to military affairs and civil defense; to add
35 Section 31-1-9 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to create the Troy
36 Act; to provide that references in the code to the United
37 States Uniformed Services include the Public Health Service
38 Commissioned Corps and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
39 Administration Commissioned Officer Corps; and to direct the
40 Code Commissioner to make these changes as appropriate in the
41 Code of Alabama 1975.

42 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

43 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as
44 the Troy Act.

45 Section 2. Section 31-1-9 is added to the Code of
46 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

47 §31-1-9

48 (a) The United States has eight uniformed federal
49 services that commission officers under Title 10 of the United
50 States Code, consisting of the six Armed Forces of the United
51 States (United States Army, United States Navy, United States
52 Marine Corps, United States Air Force, United States Coast
53 Guard, and the United States Space Force) along with the
54 Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and the National
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56 Corps.



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57 (b) Officers of the Public Health Service Commissioned
58 Corps and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
59 Commissioned Officer Corps have uniforms, service insignia,
60 and commissioning devices comparable to the United States
61 Armed Forces, may be militarized by the President, and can be
62 classified as prisoners of war if captured by a belligerent
63 entity. They are paid on the same scale as members of the
64 United States Armed Forces, with respective rank and
65 time-in-grade.

66 (c) All verbal and written collective references to the
67 United States Uniformed Services shall include the Public
68 Health Service Commissioned Corps and the National Oceanic and
69 Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

70 Section 3. The Code Commissioner shall change all
71 collective references to the United States Uniformed Services
72 to include the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and
73 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
74 Commissioned Officer Corps in Title 31, Code of Alabama 1975,
75 and elsewhere as found in the code. Code changes shall be made
76 at a time determined appropriate by the Code Commissioner.

77 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the first
78 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
79 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.