



HOUSE BILL 91: Define Armed Forces/Conforming Changes.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 91 would do the following:*

- *Amend references to the United States Armed Forces in the General Statutes by including the newly established United States Space Force.*
- *Make conforming changes.*

CURRENT LAW: In the General Statutes, references to the United States Armed Forces include the United States Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 91 would do the following:

- Amend references to the United States Armed Forces in the General Statutes by adding America's newest military service branch, the United States Space Force.
- Make conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: The United States Space Force was established on December 20, 2019, creating the first new branch of the armed services since 1947. Military and civilian members of the Space Force are called Guardians, a term that traces back to “Guardians of the High Frontier.” This was the command motto of Air Force Space Command, the organization that evolved into what we know today as the United States Space Force. The Space Force’s mandate is to organize, train, and equip space forces in order to protect and defend American interests in space and the space capabilities that enable and enhance the lethality and effectiveness of the United States Armed Forces.

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