

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 3, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Frank Corte, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Defense Affairs & State-Federal Relations

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB331** by Harper-Brown (Relating to the use in an advertisement of a name or picture of a member of the United States Armed Forces; providing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code to create as a Class A misdemeanor offense the use in an advertisement of a name or picture of a member of the United States Armed Forces without obtaining consent from the individual or their heirs.

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$4,000, confinement for no more than one year in county jail, or both a fine and confinement.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission

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