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2013 Regular Session

To: Military Affairs; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
 By: Representatives Moak, Reynolds, Bain, Banks, Baria, Brown (66th), Buck (5th), Eaton, Evans (43rd), Evans (91st), Flaggs, Hines, Holland, Holloway, Horan, Lane, Miles, Myers, Oberhausen, Patterson, Perkins, Steverson, Stringer, DeBar, Dixon, Crawford

House Bill 102

(As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO DESIGNATE AREAS OR SPECIAL SEASONS WITHIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES TO PROVIDE HUNTING, FISHING AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR "WOUNDED WARRIORS"; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO ALLOW A PERSON TO ASSIST AN ELIGIBLE VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER IN THOSE ACTIVITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. (1) The purpose of this section is to honor wounded veterans and active duty service members by providing hunting, fishing and other recreational opportunities for them in state wildlife management areas and wildlife refuges.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Active duty" means full-time duty in the Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard during wartime service as defined by the United States Congress.

(b) "Armed Forces" means the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

(c) "National Guard" means the Army National Guard and the Air Force National Guard of the United States.

(d) "Reserves" means the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve.

(3) The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may designate an area, or areas or establish special seasons within wildlife management areas and wildlife refuges for hunting, fishing and other recreational activities for eligible veterans and active duty service members to be known as "Wounded Warrior Special Programs."

(4) The designated areas or special seasons shall be open to a person who:

(a) Is an active duty member of the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves and has a combat-related physical injury as determined by the member's branch of service; or

(b) Is a veteran member of the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves who served on active duty during a period of war as defined by the United States Congress, and:

(i) Has a service-connected physical disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

(ii) Was discharged or released from military service because of a physical disability acquired or aggravated while serving on active duty during a period of war.

(5) The department may allow one (1) person to accompany an eligible veteran or active duty service member who requires assistance to hunt, fish or participate in the recreational activity.

(6) The commission may adopt any rules and regulations deemed necessary to administer this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2013.

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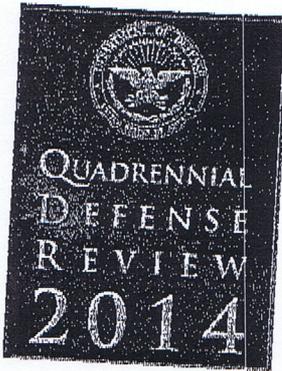
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Though overseas conflicts are drawing to a close, the care and successful transition of wounded, ill and injured Service members remains a top priority for the Department of Defense, as outlined in the DoD's 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), released on March 4.

"As the Department undertakes this transition from wartime, we will continue to ensure that Service members whose sacrifices have resulted in wounds, illnesses, or injuries receive top quality physical and psychological care. The Department of Defense is committed to supporting the approximately 14,000 wounded warriors and their families recovering from, and coping with, injuries sustained during global operations. The Department will invest in initiatives like the Recovery Coordination Program, which assigns a single point of contact to help Service members from the moment of an injury to when they return to active duty or leave active service. And we will sustain efforts to build the strongest possible support network for the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who are in hospitals, rehabilitation, or are otherwise recovering." - 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review (pg. 44)

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The Recovery Coordination Program, outlined in the QDR, is a critical part of this mission. It is a program that provides a single point of contact for Service members and their families from the point of injury, through recovery and rehabilitation, and up to the Service member's reassignment.

There are currently 452 non-medical care coordinators supporting Service members, families and members around the world. They assist with everything from scheduling and remembering medical appointments to connecting Service members and families with...

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The Office of Warrior Care Policy oversees the Military Adaptive Sports Program (MASP), which provides recreational activities and competitive athletic opportunities to all recovering Service members to improve their physical and mental quality of life throughout the continuum of recovery and transition.

MASP is designed to enhance recovery by engaging ill, injured, and wounded warriors early in individualized physical and cognitive activities outside of traditional therapy settings. The program hopes to inspire recovery and physical fitness and encourage new opportunities for growth and achievement.

The benefits of physical activity for injured Service members include reduced stress, increased quality of life, lower blood pressure, weight management, and enhancement of the rehabilitative process.

Adaptive Activities

- Cross Country / Track
- Cycling
- Golf
- Hiking
- Paddling (Kayaking/Canoeing)
- Rock Climbing
- Ropes
- Sitting Volleyball
- Sled Hockey
- Snow Skiing
- Surfing
- Swimming/Scuba Diving
- Triathlon
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Air Rifle/Air Pistol/Skeet/ Trap Shooting
- Archery
- Baseball/Softball
- Equine
- Field Sports (discuss, shotgun, Javelin)
- Fishing, Hunting
- Yoga

Warrior Games

The Office of Warrior Care Policy provides oversight and support for the reconditioning programs for all Services. The reconditioning programs provide opportunities to participate in various sports that may lead a recovering Service member to represent their branch of Service at the Warrior Games, a competition for injured and wounded warriors and veterans, hosted by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and supported by the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, USO, Fisher House Foundation and the Bob Woodruff Foundation. Training camps and clinics, as well as daily adaptive activities overseen by the Office of Warrior Care Policy, can be part of an athlete's preparation for participation in the Warrior Games.

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