

## Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Space

### **CS/CS/HB 205 — Unlawful Use of Uniforms, Medals, or Insignia**

by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and Reps. Avila, Sabatini, and others (CS/SB 352 by Military and Veterans Affairs and Space Committee and Senators Hutson and Diaz)

This bill revises the existing prohibition on a person misrepresenting himself or herself as a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces. The law that this bill amends forbids misrepresentation while a person is soliciting for charitable contributions or seeking a material gain.

The bill specifies that the material gain prohibited include obtaining paid employment or public office.

As in existing law, a person who violates these provisions commits a third-degree felony, punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2020.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0*