
DIGEST

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HB 55 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the dismissal of certain criminal charges upon completion of Veterans Court program and provides for the effects of a dismissal.

Present law provides for the creation of Veterans Court probation programs in district courts.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and provides that the court may defer proceedings and place a defendant on probation when the court determines that it is in the best interest of justice. Requires the consent of the district attorney.

Proposed law provides that once the term of probation is completed, the criminal charges shall be dismissed against the person. Provides that the dismissal of charges shall be without court adjudication of guilt and shall not be deemed a conviction. Further provides that this dismissal shall only occur once with respect to any person.

Proposed law provides that if the defendant is accepted into the Veterans Court program, the defendant must waive the right to trial.

(Adds R.S. 13:5368)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Changed references from "Veterans Court probation program" to "Veterans Court program".
2. Specifies that the defendant must waive his right to trial if accepted into the Veterans Court program.