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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
THE SENATE

(Presented pursuant to leave granted and read 1^o, 28 October 1982)

(SENATOR TATE)

No 422

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *National Service Act 1951* in respect of persons whose conscientious beliefs do not allow them to engage in military duties

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

Short title, &c.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *National Service Amendment Act 1982*.

(2) The *National Service Act 1951* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Commencement

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Exemptions on grounds of conscientious beliefs

3. Section 29A of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:

“29A. (1) A person whose conscientious beliefs do not allow that person’s participation in any armed conflict shall not be required to render military service so long as those beliefs are held.

(2) A person whose conscientious beliefs do not allow that person's participation in a particular armed conflict shall not be required to render military service in that particular conflict so long as those beliefs are held.

(3) A person whose conscientious beliefs do not allow that person's participation in military service of a combatant nature, but allow participation in military service of a non-combatant nature, shall not be required to render military service of a combatant nature so long as those beliefs are held.

(4) For the purposes of this section, a conscientious belief is a conscientious belief whether the ground of the belief is moral, ethical or religious.”.