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ACT 262

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 274

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

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Note:

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:1(B), 722(A)(1), 724(B)(3), 725(A), (B), (C)(1), (E), and (H), and 726(A) and R.S. 36:4(B)(7) and to repeal R.S. 36:4(B)(3), relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; to provide for transition to the Military Department; to provide for the employment, authority, and duties of the director; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 29:1(B), 722(A)(1), 724(B)(3), 725(A), (B), (C)(1), (E), and (H), and 726(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1. Military Department

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B. The Military Department shall be composed of the National Guard, Louisiana State Guard, Louisiana Military Police, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and such other offices that may be created or established according to law.

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§722. Purpose

A. Because of the existing possibility of the occurrence of emergencies and disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness resulting from terrorist events, enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or from fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural or manmade causes, and in order to ensure that preparations of this state

1 will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and in order to detect,
2 prevent, prepare for, investigate, respond to, or recover from these events, and
3 generally to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state of Louisiana,
4 it is hereby found and declared to be necessary:

5 (1) To create and provide for designation of the Governor's Office of
6 Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness within the Military Department
7 State of Louisiana, as the state homeland security and emergency preparedness
8 agency and to authorize the creation of local organizations for emergency
9 preparedness in the political subdivisions of the state.

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11 §724. Powers of the governor

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13 B.

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15 (3) All executive orders or proclamations issued under this Subsection shall
16 indicate the nature of the disaster or emergency, the designated emergency area
17 which is or may be affected, and the conditions which have brought it about or which
18 make possible the termination of the state of disaster or emergency. An executive
19 order or proclamation shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring
20 its contents to the attention of the general public and, unless the circumstances
21 attendant upon the disaster or emergency prevent or impede it, promptly filed with
22 the Military Department, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
23 Preparedness and with the secretary of state.

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25 §725. State emergency and disaster agency; powers of director; officers of the
26 agency

27 A. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
28 Preparedness, hereafter referred to in this Chapter as GOHSEP, is hereby established
29 as a state agency within the office of the governor Military Department, state of
30 Louisiana.

1 H. The director, subject to the direction and control of the governor, acting
 2 through the adjutant general, shall be the executive head of the state homeland
 3 security and emergency preparedness agency and as such shall be responsible ~~to the~~
 4 ~~governor~~ for carrying out the programs for homeland security and emergency
 5 preparedness for the state of Louisiana. For actions related to a gubernatorially
 6 declared disaster or emergency, the agency and director shall report to the governor
 7 or a person designated by the governor for that purpose. He shall coordinate the
 8 activities of all agencies and organizations for homeland security and emergency
 9 preparedness within the state and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with
 10 homeland security and emergency preparedness agencies and organizations of other
 11 states and of the federal government. He shall coordinate public-private sector
 12 relationships in order to meet the needs of an emergency or disaster pursuant to R.S.
 13 29:726. All state agencies and departments shall comply with directives from the
 14 Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness relating to
 15 emergency planning and operations. He shall coordinate the implementation of the
 16 Emergency Management Assistance Compact pursuant to R.S. 29:733. The
 17 provisions of this Subsection shall not supersede the powers, duties, or authority of
 18 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

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20 §726. Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness;
 21 authority and responsibilities

22 A. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
 23 Preparedness, under the governor Military Department, shall be responsible for
 24 homeland security and emergency preparedness in the state. In order to perform the
 25 duties and functions required under this Chapter, the office may establish and
 26 maintain office of homeland security and emergency preparedness operations
 27 centers. The office may obtain immovable property for such operations centers by
 28 sale, transfer, grant, donation, lease, exchange, or any other means, including
 29 interagency transfers of property and cooperative endeavors.

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Section 2. R.S. 36:4(B)(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4. Structure of executive branch of state government

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B. The office of the governor shall be in the executive branch of state government. The governor may allocate within his office the powers, duties, funds, functions, appropriations, responsibilities, and personnel of the agencies within his office and provide for the administration thereof and for the organization of his office. The following agencies and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities are hereby transferred to the office of the governor:

* * *

(7) Military Department, state of Louisiana (R.S. 29:1 et seq., ~~excluding provisions for including~~ the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, R.S. 29:721 et seq.)

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Section 3. R.S. 36:4(B)(3) is hereby repealed in its entirety.


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:  June 11, 2025

ACT 242

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CHASSION, DEVILLIER, EGAN, FIRMENT, HORTON, KERNER, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SPELL, STAGNI, THOMPSON, VILLIO, WALTERS, AND WYBLE

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Note:

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. ~~29:26.1(A)(1), (B)(6), (C)(1) and (2)(a), and (F), 38.1(A),~~
3 ~~38.2(A)(1) and (C), 402(A) and (B), and 403(11) and (13),~~ relative to the military
4 forces of this state; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to death and
5 disability benefits; to provide relative to prohibition of academic penalties; to
6 provide for employment and other servicemembers protections; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 29:26.1(A)(1), (B)(6), (C)(1) and (2)(a), and (F), 38.1(A),
10 38.2(A)(1) and (C), 402(A) and (B), and 403(11) and (13) are hereby amended and reenacted
11 to read as follows:

12 §26.1. National Guard and State Guard death and disability benefits

13 A. Purpose. The purpose of this Section is:

14 (1) To establish an effective and efficient mechanism for providing death and
15 disability benefits for Louisiana National Guardsmen and Louisiana State Guard
16 members called to active duty service by the governor or the president of the United
17 States.

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19 B. Definitions. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the
20 following meanings unless a different meaning is clearly required by context:

21 * * *

1 (6) "Guardsmen or guardsmen" means a person who was an officer or
2 enlisted member of the Louisiana National Guard or Louisiana State Guard and, for
3 purposes of this Section's disability benefits, who was discharged or released from
4 all periods of federal and state service under honorable or general under honorable
5 conditions.

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7 C. Claims for benefits. (1) All claims for death benefits provided for under
8 this Section shall be submitted to the Louisiana National Guard for national guard
9 members and the Louisiana Military Department for Louisiana state guard members.
10 All claims for disability benefits shall be submitted to the Louisiana Department of
11 Veterans Affairs.

12 (2) Each death benefit claim request shall include all of the following
13 documentation:

14 (a) The guardsman's signed ~~LANG~~ state military death beneficiary
15 designation form, or in the absence thereof, a signed DD Form 93.

16 * * *

17 F. Beneficiary designation by guardsmen. (1) Each member of LANG and
18 the Louisiana State Guard shall complete and execute a state military Death Benefit
19 Beneficiary Designation Form which shall contain the name of the beneficiary or
20 beneficiaries of the guardsman's death benefit under this Section to whom this
21 benefit shall be paid in a lump sum. In the absence of the Death Benefit Beneficiary
22 Designation Form, a DD Form 93 shall be used.

23 (2) All designation forms shall be signed by the guardsman before a witness
24 in the grade of E-7 or above in the LANG or Louisiana State Guard who shall also
25 sign the form.

26 (3) All designation forms shall be kept in the personnel files of the LANG
27 and the Louisiana State Guard in the regular course of business.

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29 §38.1. Prohibition against discrimination in employment of members of Armed
30 Forces Reserve or ~~National Guard~~ Louisiana state military forces

1 A. No person who is a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces
2 of the United States or who is a member of the military forces of this state, including
3 the Louisiana National Guard or Louisiana State Guard shall be denied employment,
4 retention in employment or any promotion or other advantage of employment
5 because of any obligation as a member of such reserve component or the ~~Louisiana~~
6 ~~National Guard~~ military forces of this state.

7 * * *

8 §38.2. Prohibition against academic penalties against student members of the
9 uniformed services ~~of the United States~~

10 A.(1) No student member of the uniformed services ~~of the United States~~
11 shall have his postsecondary education, including but not limited to colleges and
12 universities, unnecessarily disrupted because of his military service, in accordance
13 with the Board of Regents' ~~"Policy on Reservist and National Guard~~
14 ~~Mobilization/Activation for Louisiana Public Postsecondary Education Institutions";~~
15 ~~(Section H, 8.2):~~ policy governing reservist or National Guard mobilization or
16 activation of students at public postsecondary education institutions. No student
17 member of the uniformed services ~~of the United States~~ shall have his postsecondary
18 education, including but not limited to postsecondary proprietary schools, vocational,
19 technical, or trade schools, or nonpublic colleges and universities licensed to do
20 business within the state of Louisiana as provided by law, unnecessarily disrupted
21 because of his service in the uniformed services.

22 * * *

23 C. As used in this Section, "uniformed services ~~of the United States~~" shall
24 have the same meaning as defined in R.S. 29:403~~(11)(12)~~.

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26 §402. Purpose

27 A. In order to provide for, strengthen, and expedite the national security
28 under emergent conditions which threaten the peace and security of the United States
29 and to enable those citizens of this state who perform service in the uniformed

1 services to more successfully devote their entire energy to the security needs of the
 2 nation and state, provision is hereby made to provide reemployment rights and other
 3 benefits for persons who perform service in the uniformed services of the United
 4 States and the state of Louisiana. It is herein declared to be the policy of the state of
 5 Louisiana that its citizens who serve their country and state and who leave their
 6 employment, homes, and education shall not be penalized nor economically
 7 disadvantaged because of their uniformed service.

8 B. The provisions of this Part shall be liberally construed for the benefit of
 9 those called to serve the state of Louisiana and their country in the armed forces.
 10 The purpose of this Part is to prevent veterans and servicemembers from being
 11 disadvantaged and to prohibit discrimination against persons because of their
 12 uniformed service when they return to civilian life. It is the sense of the legislature
 13 that the state of Louisiana should be a model employer in carrying out the provisions
 14 of this Part.

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16 §403. Definitions

17 As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the definitions ascribed
 18 in this Section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

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20 (11) "Service in the uniformed services" means the performance of duty on
 21 a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service under competent authority
 22 and includes active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training,
 23 inactive duty training, full-time national guard duty, and a period for which a person
 24 is absent from a position of employment for the purpose of an examination to
 25 determine the fitness of the person to perform any such duty. "Service in the
 26 uniformed services" also means service in the armed forces of the United States
 27 pursuant to authorization by the United States Congress or presidential proclamation
 28 pursuant to the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.) "Service in the
 29 uniformed services" also means state active duty by members of the military forces
 30 of this state, including the national guard and the Louisiana State Guard who are

1 activated pursuant to a call of the governor of this state or of any other state as
2 provided for by law.

3 * * *

4 (13) "Uniformed services" means the following:

5 (a) The armed forces of the United States as defined by 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(4),
6 including reserved components of the armed forces, ~~the Army National Guard and~~
7 ~~the Air National Guard~~; the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and
8 any other category of persons designated by the president in time of war or
9 emergency.

10 (b) The members of the military forces of the state of Louisiana, including
11 the Louisiana National Guard and the Louisiana State Guard.


12 (c) The members of the National Guard of other states and territories.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 508

BY REPRESENTATIVES LARVADAIN, ADAMS, BACALA, BUTLER, FISHER,
GLORIOSO, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MCFARLAND, NEWELL,
STAGNI, AND TAYLOR

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:27.2(A) through (D), relative to the Port of New Orleans; to
3 provide for a parking fee exemption for Louisiana service-connected disabled
4 veterans at the Port of New Orleans cruise terminals; to establish identification and
5 residency requirements applicable to the parking fee exemption at the cruise
6 terminals for the Port of New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 29:27.2(A) through (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §27.2. Port of New Orleans cruise terminal parking fee exemption for Louisiana
11 disabled veterans

12 A.(1) The Port of New Orleans shall provide free cruise terminal parking,
13 subject to availability, at a Port of New Orleans-owned cruise terminal parking
14 facility which shall be located in the closest available cruise terminal parking lot, for
15 a Louisiana disabled veteran, his conveyance, and his passengers if the disabled
16 veteran provides proof of his service-connected disability of fifty percent or more in
17 the form of a military honor license plate as provided for in R.S. 47:490.4 and
18 490.31, or a completed certificate from the Louisiana Department of Veterans
19 Affairs certifying that the disabled veteran has a service-connected disability of fifty
20 percent or more, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACT 132

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HOUSE BILL NO. 60

BY REPRESENTATIVES GALLE, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, CARVER, CHASSION, COX, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EGAN, FIRMENT, HORTON, ILLG, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MARCELLE, MELERINE, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, TARVER, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND WILEY

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Classification RS 29**

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:381, relative to war veterans healthcare facilities; to provide
3 relative to the authorization and maintenance of war veterans healthcare facilities;
4 to provide relative to eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:381 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §381. Authority to operate and maintain; definition of war veterans; eligibility of
8 other veterans and nonveterans

9 The Department of Veterans Affairs is hereby authorized to operate and
10 maintain ~~health care~~ healthcare facilities for war veterans with psychiatric and
11 geriatric conditions, ~~and other such~~ veterans and nonveterans as deemed eligible
12 under Title 38 of the United States Code, and certain nonveterans, National Guard,
13 or reservists who were not called to duty under Title 10 of the United States Code.


14 For the purpose of this Part, "war veterans" shall be construed to mean such
15 ex-service persons as were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions; and

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who served in any branch of the armed forces of the United States during the period of any war in which the United States participated, including the Korean Conflict, or who performed such services after January 31, 1955, including the Vietnam era.




SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 387

BY REPRESENTATIVES DICKERSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, DEWITT, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, MIKE JOHNSON, LAFLEUR, MACK, MARCELLE, MOORE, OWEN, SPELL, TAYLOR, AND WYBLE

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Note:

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:383, relative to the Department of Veterans Affairs; to provide for maintenance and care of nonveterans; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 29:383 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§383. Charges for care and maintenance

At the discretion of the ^Ddepartment of ^Vveterans ^Aaffairs, reasonable rates may be charged for maintenance and care to those veterans and nonveteran residents who are capable of paying for any or all of the use of the facilities. In determining whether or not a veteran is capable of paying for the use of the facilities, the ^Ddepartment of ^Vveterans ^Aaffairs shall establish by the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations a charge system of taking into consideration the income and estate of the veteran resident receiving care.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 53

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 80

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, CHASSION, COATES, DOMANGUE, EGAN, FIRMINT, GLORIOSO, HENRY, MOORE, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, AND WYBLE

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1017.1(6) and R.S. 29:739(C) and to enact R.S. 29:723(20), relative to first responders; to expand the definition of "first responder" to include electrical linemen; to provide for the definition of "electrical lineman"; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 23:1017.1(6) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1017.1. Definitions

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms, when used in this Part, shall have the following meanings:

* * *

(6) "First responder" means a volunteer engaged in activities involving the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness pursuant to R.S. 29:721 et seq., and first responders as defined in R.S. 29:723 including but not limited to medical personnel, emergency and medical technicians, volunteer firemen, auxiliary law enforcement officers, state agency essential workers, emergency service dispatchers, and emergency response operators, electrical linemen as defined by R.S. 29:723, and members of the Civil Air Patrol.

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Section 2. R.S. 29:739(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and ~~R.S. 29:723(20)~~ is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§723. Definitions

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As used in this Chapter:

(1)-(4) = (1)-(4)

(5)-(19) → (b)-(20)

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(20)(a) "Electrical lineman" means a person employed to install, maintain, or repair electrical transmission and power distribution systems, and who, based solely on employment as an electrical lineman, shall not be entitled to compensation, pension, or other benefits paid by the state or a political subdivision of the state. Electrical linemen shall be considered first responders only in instances involving weather emergencies as declared by the governor pursuant to R.S. 29:721 et seq.

(b) Nothing in this ^{Paragraph} Subsection shall relieve an employer of its responsibilities pursuant to Civil Code Article 2320.

(c) The term "first responder" may be displayed on the uniform of an electrical lineman, but electrical linemen shall be considered private sector employees who are not governed by the state or any local governmental subdivision of the state.

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§739. Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact

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C. Definitions

As used in this Section, "first responder" refers to those individuals who in the early stages of an incident are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment, including emergency response providers as defined in Section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 ¹⁶ U.S.C. 101), as well as emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel, such as equipment operators and electrical linemen that provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations consistent with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8.

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(NOTE: R.S. 29:723)

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Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to renumber the definitions in R.S. 29:723 to ensure that the definitions are in alphabetical order.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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