

AN ACT

relating to a ribbon for certain service members of the military who served in support of operations to secure this state's international border.

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

SECTION 1. Section 437.355(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The governor or adjutant general, if delegated the authority, may adopt policies and regulations relating to awarding:

(1) the Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be awarded to a service member who:

(A) after September 11, 2001:

(i) was inducted into federal service from the Texas National Guard; and

(ii) meets the criteria for an award of the federal Purple Heart Medal; or

(B) was wounded or killed at Fort Hood on November 5, 2009;

(2) the Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be awarded to:

(A) a service member of the Texas military forces who has:

(i) completed 30 or more years of honorable state service or a combination of state and federal service; and

1 (ii) continually demonstrated superior
2 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
3 demanding responsibility; or

4 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant
5 service to the Texas military forces;

6 (3) the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, which
7 shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this state,
8 another state, or the United States for exceptionally outstanding
9 achievement or service to this state in performance of a duty of
10 great responsibility while serving with the Texas military forces
11 for whom the department receives a letter of recommendation for
12 award of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal that:

13 (A) gives an account of the exceptional
14 achievement or service; and

15 (B) includes facts and photographs, and extracts
16 from official documents to support and amplify the facts;

17 (4) the Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which shall
18 be awarded to a service member of the military forces of this state,
19 another state, or the United States who has performed service,
20 either individually or as a member of a crew, in a superior and
21 clearly outstanding manner;

22 (5) the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall
23 be awarded to a service member who:

24 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the
25 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

26 (B) is a member of the Texas military forces; and

27 (C) while serving on state active duty or active

1 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32, United
2 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a
3 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during
4 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;

5 (6) the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which
6 shall be awarded to a service member of the Texas military forces
7 who served:

8 (A) on or after September 11, 2001;

9 (B) on state active duty or active duty under
10 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code;
11 and

12 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a
13 mission in the state under civilian authority;

14 (7) the Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded
15 to a service member who was inducted into federal service from the
16 Texas military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or
17 after June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

18 (8) the Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be
19 awarded to a service member of the Texas National Guard who served,
20 after September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by
21 the United States secretary of defense;

22 (9) the Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be
23 awarded to a member of the Texas military forces who has completed
24 five years of honorable service during which the service member has
25 shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to
26 this state;

27 (10) the Texas Medal of Merit, which shall be awarded

1 to a member of the military forces of this state, another state, or
2 the United States who performs outstanding service or attains
3 extraordinary achievement, either individually or as a member of a
4 crew, in behalf of the state or United States;

5 (11) the Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall
6 be awarded to a service member who completes three consecutive
7 years of honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the
8 service member has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and
9 great loyalty to this state;

10 (12) the Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign
11 Medal, which shall be awarded to a service member who was inducted
12 into federal service from the Texas National Guard after August 1,
13 1990, in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert
14 Storm, without regard to the place that the service member was
15 deployed while serving on active federal military duty;

16 (13) the Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be
17 awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service
18 from the Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the
19 service member was deployed while serving on active federal
20 military duty, after:

21 (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi
22 Freedom; or

23 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New
24 Dawn;

25 (14) the Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall
26 be awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service
27 from the Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of

1 Operation Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the
2 service member was deployed while serving on active federal
3 military duty; ~~and~~

4 (15) the Cold War Medal, which, subject to Subsection
5 (c), shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this
6 state or the United States who:

7 (A) served between September 2, 1945, and
8 December 26, 1991; and

9 (B) was a resident of this state at the time the
10 service member entered military service; and

11 (16) the Texas Border Security and Support Service
12 Ribbon, which shall be awarded to a service member of the military
13 forces of this state, another state, or the United States who
14 served:

15 (A) on or after July 28, 2014;

16 (B) on state active duty or active duty under
17 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code,
18 for at least 90 consecutive days, or in response to an emergency
19 activation; and

20 (C) honorably in support of operations under
21 civilian authority to secure this state's international border.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 793 passed the Senate on April 14, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 793 passed the House on May 25, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor