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H.B. No. 2372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the criteria for awarding certain medals to members of the armed forces from Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 431.134(a), Government Code, as amended by Chapters 740 (H.B. 2896), 741 (H.B. 2897), and 1080 (H.B. 2895), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(a) The adjutant general may adopt rules and regulations relating to the:

(1) Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be awarded to a member of the state military forces who has completed five years of honorable service during which the person has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to the state;

(2) Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded to a resident of the state [~~person~~] who served on active duty in the United States armed forces [~~was inducted into federal service from the state military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or after June 1, 1950, if the service was~~] for more than 60 [~~90~~] days and received an honorable discharge;

(3) Texas Medal of Merit, which may be presented to a member of the military forces of this state, another state, or the United States who performs outstanding service or attains

1 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;

2 (4) Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which may be
3 presented to a member of the military forces of this state, another
4 state, or the United States who has performed service in a superior
5 and clearly outstanding manner;

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

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

17 (7) Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall be
18 awarded to a person who:

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

21 (B) is a member of the state military forces; and

22 (C) while serving on state active duty or active
23 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32 of the United
24 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a
25 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during
26 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;

27 (8) Texas Cavalry Medal, which shall be awarded to a

1 person who:

2 (A) served on or after September 11, 2001, in the
3 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard; and

4 (B) served in a hostile fire zone as designated
5 by the United States secretary of defense;

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

10 (10) Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be awarded
11 to a person who [~~after September 11, 2001~~]:

12 (A) was inducted into federal service from the
13 Texas National Guard; and

14 (B) meets the criteria for an award of the
15 federal Purple Heart Medal; [~~and~~]

16 (11) Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be
17 awarded to:

18 (A) a member of the state military forces who
19 has:

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

22 (ii) continually demonstrated superior
23 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
24 demanding responsibility; or

25 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant
26 service to the state military forces; and

27 (12) [~~(11)~~] Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal,

1 which shall be awarded to a member of the state military forces who
2 served:

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

4 (B) on state active duty or active duty under
5 state authority in accordance with Title 32 of the United States
6 Code; and

7 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a
8 mission in the state under civilian authority.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.