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S.B. No. 356

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to awards for certain members of the state military forces
3 inducted into federal service in support of Operations Iraqi
4 Freedom, New Dawn, and Enduring Freedom.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 431.134(a), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

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

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

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

19 (3) Texas Medal of Merit, which may be presented to a
20 member of the military forces of this state, another state, or the
21 United States who performs outstanding service or attains
22 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;

23 (4) Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which may be
24 presented to a member of the military forces of this state, another

1 state, or the United States who has performed service in a superior
2 and clearly outstanding manner;

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (8) Texas Cavalry Medal, which shall be awarded to a
25 person who:

26 (A) served on or after September 11, 2001, in the
27 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard; and

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

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

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

9 (A) was inducted into federal service from the
10 Texas National Guard; and

11 (B) meets the criteria for an award of the
12 federal Purple Heart Medal;

13 (11) Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be
14 awarded to:

15 (A) a member of the state military forces who
16 has:

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

19 (ii) continually demonstrated superior
20 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
21 demanding responsibility; or

22 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant
23 service to the state military forces; ~~and~~

24 (12) Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which shall
25 be awarded to a member of the state military forces who served:

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

27 (B) on state active duty or active duty under

1 state authority in accordance with Title 32 of the United States
2 Code; and

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

5 (13) Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be
6 awarded to a person who was inducted into federal service from the
7 Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the person
8 was deployed while serving on active federal military duty, after:

9 (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi
10 Freedom; or

11 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New
12 Dawn; and

13 (14) Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall be
14 awarded to a person who was inducted into federal service from the
15 Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of Operation
16 Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the person was
17 deployed while serving on active federal military duty.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.