

1-1 By: Dale, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.B. No. 115
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2015;
1-3 April 21, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 8, 2015, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 8, 2015, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Campbell	X		
1-10	Burton	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Garcia	X		
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Lucio	X		
1-15	Rodríguez	X		

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the criteria for awarding the Texas Purple Heart Medal
1-19 to members of the armed forces wounded or killed at Fort Hood on
1-20 November 5, 2009.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 437.355(a), Government Code, is amended
1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The governor or adjutant general, if delegated the
1-25 authority, may adopt policies and regulations relating to awarding:

1-26 (1) the Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be
1-27 awarded to a service member who:

1-28 (A) ~~is~~ after September 11, 2001:

1-29 (i) ~~(A)~~ was inducted into federal service
1-30 from the Texas National Guard; and

1-31 (ii) ~~(B)~~ meets the criteria for an award
1-32 of the federal Purple Heart Medal; or

1-33 (B) was wounded or killed at Fort Hood on
1-34 November 5, 2009;

1-35 (2) the Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be
1-36 awarded to:

1-37 (A) a service member of the Texas military forces
1-38 who has:

1-39 (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable
1-40 state service or a combination of state and federal service; and

1-41 (ii) continually demonstrated superior
1-42 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
1-43 demanding responsibility; or

1-44 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant
1-45 service to the Texas military forces;

1-46 (3) the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, which
1-47 shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this state,
1-48 another state, or the United States for exceptionally outstanding
1-49 achievement or service to this state in performance of a duty of
1-50 great responsibility while serving with the Texas military forces
1-51 for whom the department receives a letter of recommendation for
1-52 award of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal that:

1-53 (A) gives an account of the exceptional
1-54 achievement or service; and

1-55 (B) includes facts and photographs, and extracts
1-56 from official documents to support and amplify the facts;

1-57 (4) the Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which shall
1-58 be awarded to a service member of the military forces of this state,
1-59 another state, or the United States who has performed service in a
1-60 superior and clearly outstanding manner;

1-61 (5) the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall

2-1 be awarded to a service member who:

2-2 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the
2-3 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;

2-4 (B) is a member of the Texas military forces; and

2-5 (C) while serving on state active duty or active
2-6 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32, United
2-7 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a
2-8 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during
2-9 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;

2-10 (6) the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which
2-11 shall be awarded to a service member of the Texas military forces
2-12 who served:

2-13 (A) on or after September 11, 2001;

2-14 (B) on state active duty or active duty under
2-15 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code;
2-16 and

2-17 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a
2-18 mission in the state under civilian authority;

2-19 (7) the Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded
2-20 to a service member who was inducted into federal service from the
2-21 Texas military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or
2-22 after June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;

2-23 (8) the Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be
2-24 awarded to a service member of the Texas National Guard who served,
2-25 after September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by
2-26 the United States secretary of defense;

2-27 (9) the Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be
2-28 awarded to a member of the Texas military forces who has completed
2-29 five years of honorable service during which the service member has
2-30 shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to
2-31 this state;

2-32 (10) the Texas Medal of Merit, which shall be awarded
2-33 to a member of the military forces of this state, another state, or
2-34 the United States who performs outstanding service or attains
2-35 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;

2-36 (11) the Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall
2-37 be awarded to a service member who completes three consecutive
2-38 years of honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the
2-39 service member has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and
2-40 great loyalty to this state;

2-41 (12) the Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign
2-42 Medal, which shall be awarded to a service member who was inducted
2-43 into federal service from the Texas National Guard after August 1,
2-44 1990, in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert
2-45 Storm, without regard to the place that the service member was
2-46 deployed while serving on active federal military duty;

2-47 (13) the Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be
2-48 awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service
2-49 from the Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the
2-50 service member was deployed while serving on active federal
2-51 military duty, after:

2-52 (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi
2-53 Freedom; or

2-54 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New
2-55 Dawn; and

2-56 (14) the Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall
2-57 be awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service
2-58 from the Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of
2-59 Operation Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the
2-60 service member was deployed while serving on active federal
2-61 military duty.

2-62 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-63 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-64 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-65 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-66 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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