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H.B. No. 2108

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a medal for certain members of the military forces who served during the Cold War.

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

SECTION 1. Section 437.355, Government Code, is reenacted to incorporate amendments made to Section 431.134, Government Code, by Chapter 243 (H.B. 402), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 437.355. OTHER AWARDS. (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, after September 11, 2001:

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

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

(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

(ii) continually demonstrated superior

1 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
2 demanding responsibility; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (C) while serving on state active duty or active
26 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32, United
27 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a

1 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during
2 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (10) the Texas Medal of Merit, which shall be awarded
26 to a member of the military forces of this state, another state, or
27 the United States who performs outstanding service or attains

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

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

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

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

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

20 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New
21 Dawn; ~~and~~

22 (14) the Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall
23 be awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service
24 from the Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of
25 Operation Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the
26 service member was deployed while serving on active federal
27 military duty; and

1 (15) the Cold War Medal, which, subject to Subsection
2 (c), shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this
3 state or the United States [~~Texas National Guard or the Texas State~~
4 ~~Guard~~] who:

5 (A) served between September 2, 1945, and
6 December 26, 1991; and

7 (B) was a resident of this state at the time the
8 service member entered military service[~~, subject to Subsection~~
9 ~~(c)~~].

10 (b) A person may be awarded only one Texas Superior Service
11 Medal.

12 (c) A person described by Subsection (a)(15) may be awarded
13 a Cold War Medal only if:

14 (1) a federal Cold War Medal or an equivalent federal
15 medal is not available to be awarded; and

16 (2) a fee in the amount necessary to cover the costs of
17 awarding the medal is paid to the adjutant general's department.

18 SECTION 2. Section [431.134](#), Government Code, is repealed.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.