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H.B. No. 2108

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

9 Sec. 437.355. OTHER AWARDS. (a) The governor or adjutant  
10 general, if delegated the authority, may adopt policies and  
11 regulations relating to awarding:

12 (1) the Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be  
13 awarded to a service member who, after September 11, 2001:

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

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

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

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

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

24 (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 a fee in the amount necessary to cover the  
14 costs of awarding the medal is paid to the adjutant general's  
15 department.

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 Section [431.134](#), Government Code, is repealed.

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