

1-1 By: Galindo, Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 2108
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2015;
 1-3 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
 1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 21, 2015, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to a medal for certain members of the military forces who
 1-19 served during the Cold War.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 437.355, Government Code, is reenacted
 1-22 to incorporate amendments made to Section 431.134, Government Code,
 1-23 by Chapter 243 (H.B. 402), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular
 1-24 Session, 2013, and amended to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 437.355. OTHER AWARDS. (a) The governor or adjutant
 1-26 general, if delegated the authority, may adopt policies and
 1-27 regulations relating to awarding:

1-28 (1) the Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be
 1-29 awarded to a service member who, after September 11, 2001:

1-30 (A) was inducted into federal service from the
 1-31 Texas National Guard; and

1-32 (B) meets the criteria for an award of the
 1-33 federal Purple Heart Medal;

1-34 (2) the Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be
 1-35 awarded to:

1-36 (A) a service member of the Texas military forces
 1-37 who has:

1-38 (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable
 1-39 state service or a combination of state and federal service; and

1-40 (ii) continually demonstrated superior
 1-41 performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions
 1-42 demanding responsibility; or

1-43 (B) a civilian who has contributed significant
 1-44 service to the Texas military forces;

1-45 (3) the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal, which
 1-46 shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this state,
 1-47 another state, or the United States for exceptionally outstanding
 1-48 achievement or service to this state in performance of a duty of
 1-49 great responsibility while serving with the Texas military forces
 1-50 for whom the department receives a letter of recommendation for
 1-51 award of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal that:

1-52 (A) gives an account of the exceptional
 1-53 achievement or service; and

1-54 (B) includes facts and photographs, and extracts
 1-55 from official documents to support and amplify the facts;

1-56 (4) the Texas Outstanding Service Medal, which shall
 1-57 be awarded to a service member of the military forces of this state,
 1-58 another state, or the United States who has performed service in a
 1-59 superior and clearly outstanding manner;

1-60 (5) the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal, which shall
 1-61 be awarded to a service member who:

2-1 (A) does not meet the criteria for an award of the
 2-2 federal Humanitarian Service Medal;
 2-3 (B) is a member of the Texas military forces; and
 2-4 (C) while serving on state active duty or active
 2-5 duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32, United
 2-6 States Code, participates satisfactorily in defense support to a
 2-7 mission under civilian authority to protect life or property during
 2-8 or soon after a natural disaster or civil unrest in the state;
 2-9 (6) the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which
 2-10 shall be awarded to a service member of the Texas military forces
 2-11 who served:
 2-12 (A) on or after September 11, 2001;
 2-13 (B) on state active duty or active duty under
 2-14 state authority in accordance with Title 32, United States Code;
 2-15 and
 2-16 (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a
 2-17 mission in the state under civilian authority;
 2-18 (7) the Federal Service Medal, which shall be awarded
 2-19 to a service member who was inducted into federal service from the
 2-20 Texas military forces between June 15, 1940, and January 1, 1946, or
 2-21 after June 1, 1950, if the service was for more than 90 days;
 2-22 (8) the Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be
 2-23 awarded to a service member of the Texas National Guard who served,
 2-24 after September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by
 2-25 the United States secretary of defense;
 2-26 (9) the Texas Faithful Service Medal, which shall be
 2-27 awarded to a member of the Texas military forces who has completed
 2-28 five years of honorable service during which the service member has
 2-29 shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and great loyalty to
 2-30 this state;
 2-31 (10) the Texas Medal of Merit, which shall be awarded
 2-32 to a member of the military forces of this state, another state, or
 2-33 the United States who performs outstanding service or attains
 2-34 extraordinary achievement in behalf of the state or United States;
 2-35 (11) the Texas State Guard Service Medal, which shall
 2-36 be awarded to a service member who completes three consecutive
 2-37 years of honorable service in the Texas State Guard during which the
 2-38 service member has shown fidelity to duty, efficient service, and
 2-39 great loyalty to this state;
 2-40 (12) the Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign
 2-41 Medal, which shall be awarded to a service member who was inducted
 2-42 into federal service from the Texas National Guard after August 1,
 2-43 1990, in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert
 2-44 Storm, without regard to the place that the service member was
 2-45 deployed while serving on active federal military duty;
 2-46 (13) the Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be
 2-47 awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service
 2-48 from the Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the
 2-49 service member was deployed while serving on active federal
 2-50 military duty, after:
 2-51 (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi
 2-52 Freedom; or
 2-53 (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New
 2-54 Dawn; ~~and~~
 2-55 (14) the Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall
 2-56 be awarded to a service member who was inducted into federal service
 2-57 from the Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of
 2-58 Operation Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the
 2-59 service member was deployed while serving on active federal
 2-60 military duty; and
 2-61 (15) the Cold War Medal, which, subject to Subsection
 2-62 (c), shall be awarded to a member of the military forces of this
 2-63 state or the United States [Texas National Guard or the Texas State
 2-64 Guard] who:
 2-65 (A) served between September 2, 1945, and
 2-66 December 26, 1991; and
 2-67 (B) was a resident of this state at the time the
 2-68 service member entered military service~~[, subject to Subsection~~
 2-69 ~~(c)]~~.

3-1 (b) A person may be awarded only one Texas Superior Service
3-2 Medal.

3-3 (c) A person described by Subsection (a)(15) may be awarded
3-4 a Cold War Medal only if:

3-5 (1) a federal Cold War Medal or an equivalent federal
3-6 medal is not available to be awarded; and

3-7 (2) a fee in the amount necessary to cover the costs of
3-8 awarding the medal is paid to the adjutant general's department.

3-9 SECTION 2. Section [431.134](#), Government Code, is repealed.

3-10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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