

1-1 By: Wilson, Garcia (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 4421
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
 1-4 Affairs; May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Parker	X			
1-9 Blanco	X			
1-10 Eckhardt	X			
1-11 Gutierrez			X	
1-12 Hall			X	
1-13 Sparks	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to qualifications for and limitations on awarding the
 1-18 Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 437.351, Government Code, is amended by
 1-21 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
 1-22 follows:

1-23 (d) The legislature by concurrent resolution may direct the
 1-24 governor to award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to a service
 1-25 member nominated by the nominating committee. The committee chairs
 1-26 serving on the nominating committee shall jointly prepare a
 1-27 concurrent resolution directing the governor to award the medal to
 1-28 a service member nominated. The legislature may direct the medal to
 1-29 be awarded only during a regular session and may not, during a
 1-30 regular session, direct the medal to be awarded to more than:

1-31 (1) one service member for service in the state or
 1-32 federal military forces during the period beginning after 1835 but
 1-33 before September 11, 2001 [~~1956~~]; and

1-34 (2) one service member for service in the state or
 1-35 federal military forces on or after September 11, 2001 [~~1955~~].

1-36 (e) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (c), the Texas
 1-37 Legislative Medal of Honor shall be awarded to a resident of this
 1-38 state who receives the Congressional Medal of Honor. A Texas
 1-39 Legislative Medal of Honor awarded under this subsection is not
 1-40 included for purposes of determining the number of medals that may
 1-41 be awarded under Subsection (d).

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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