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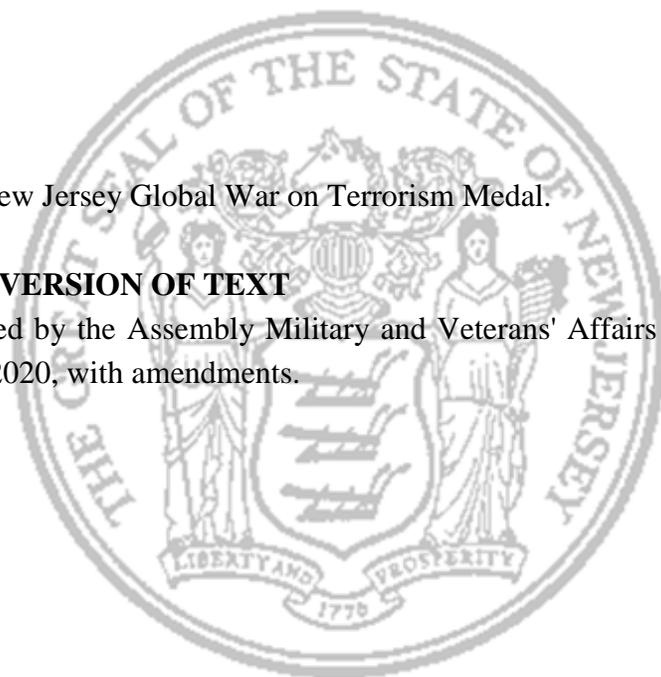
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SYNOPSIS

Creates New Jersey Global War on Terrorism Medal.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on February 3, 2020, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT creating a New Jersey Global War on Terrorism Medal and
2 supplementing Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Governor may present in the name of the State of
8 New Jersey a Global War on Terrorism Medal of appropriate
9 design, and ribbon to be worn in lieu ¹**[of]**¹ thereof, to any person
10 who is a member of the organized militia, the Armed Forces of the
11 United States, or a Reserve component thereof, or who was
12 honorably discharged therefrom, if the person was a resident of the
13 State upon entry into service or has been a resident of this State for
14 at least 20 years in the aggregate.

15 b. To qualify for a New Jersey Global War on Terrorism
16 Medal, the person, while serving in the organized militia or while in
17 federal service, shall have served in ¹**[a combat theater of]**¹ at least
18 one of the following operations ¹**[during a time of war or**
19 **emergency]**¹ as attested by the awarding of honorable discharge
20 and the federal DD Form 214 by the respective Armed Forces:

- 21 (1) Operation Enduring Freedom;
22 (2) Operation Noble Eagle;
23 (3) Operation Iraqi Freedom;
24 (4) Operation Nomad Shadow;
25 (5) Operation New Dawn;
26 (6) Operation Inherent Resolve;
27 (7) Operation Freedom's Sentinel; and
28 (8) Operation Odyssey Lighting.

29 The New Jersey Global War on Terrorism Medal shall only be
30 awarded to a person who was assigned, attached, or detailed for 30
31 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days to a unit during at
32 least one of the eligible military operations.

33 c. No more than one medal shall be awarded to any person,
34 except that a medal that is lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use
35 without fault or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was
36 issued may be replaced.

37 d. The medal may be awarded to a deceased person or a person
38 missing in action who would have qualified for the medal pursuant
39 to this section and, when so directed, may be presented to such
40 representative as the Adjutant General considers appropriate who
41 submits all of the required forms and documentation on behalf of
42 that person.

43 e. Any other eligibility requirements for the medal deemed
44 appropriate by the Adjutant General shall be promulgated by the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹**Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted February 3, 2020.**

1 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. At a minimum, the
2 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall:

3 (1) ~~1[Establish]~~ establish¹ a suitable design for the medal,
4 including a ribbon to be worn with or in place of the medal;

5 (2) ~~1[Procure]~~ procure¹ the manufacture of the medal and
6 ribbon;

7 (3) ~~1[If]~~ if¹ the recipient is a member of the New Jersey
8 National Guard, ensure that award of the medal is properly reflected
9 in the service records;

10 (4) ~~1[Establish]~~ establish¹ procedures to identify members of
11 the reserve components of the United States Armed Forces entitled
12 to award of the medal; and

13 (5) ~~1[Adopt]~~ adopt¹ regulations to carry out the provisions of
14 this section. The regulations shall include rules for wearing the
15 medal and ribbon with the uniform of the New Jersey National
16 Guard and provisions for the posthumous award of a medal.

17 f. There is created in the Department of Treasury a special,
18 non-lapsing fund to be known as the “Global War on Terrorism
19 Medal Fund.” There shall be deposited into the fund the amounts
20 made available for the purposes of the fund and monetary donations
21 that may be received from any source for the purposes of the fund
22 and any interest earned thereon. Monies deposited in the fund shall
23 be dedicated for the design, manufacture, and distribution of the
24 medal and ribbon.

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26 2. This act shall take effect six months from the date of
27 enactment, but the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
28 may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof
29 as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.