

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 147, *approved January 4, 2021*
 Assembly, No. 2131 (*First Reprint*)

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

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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"]** 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"]** at least
 18 one of the following operations ¹**["during a time of war or**
 19 **emergency"]** 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

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:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted February 3, 2020.

1 submits all of the required forms and documentation on behalf of
2 that person.

3 e. Any other eligibility requirements for the medal deemed
4 appropriate by the Adjutant General shall be promulgated by the
5 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. At a minimum, the
6 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall:

7 (1) **'[Establish] establish'** a suitable design for the medal,
8 including a ribbon to be worn with or in place of the medal;

9 (2) **'[Procure] procure'** the manufacture of the medal and
10 ribbon;

11 (3) **'[If] if'** the recipient is a member of the New Jersey
12 National Guard, ensure that award of the medal is properly reflected
13 in the service records;

14 (4) **'[Establish] establish'** procedures to identify members of
15 the reserve components of the United States Armed Forces entitled
16 to award of the medal; and

17 (5) **'[Adopt] adopt'** regulations to carry out the provisions of
18 this section. The regulations shall include rules for wearing the
19 medal and ribbon with the uniform of the New Jersey National
20 Guard and provisions for the posthumous award of a medal.

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

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

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