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SYNOPSIS

Creates New Jersey Global War on Terrorism Medal.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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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 thereof, to any person who is a
10 member of the organized militia, the Armed Forces of the United
11 States, or a Reserve component thereof, or who was honorably
12 discharged therefrom, if the person was a resident of the State upon
13 entry into service or has been a resident of this State for at least 20
14 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 at least one of the following
18 operations as attested by the awarding of honorable discharge and
19 the federal DD Form 214 by the respective Armed Forces:

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

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

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

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

42 e. Any other eligibility requirements for the medal deemed
43 appropriate by the Adjutant General shall be promulgated by the
44 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. At a minimum, the
45 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall:

- 46 (1) establish a suitable design for the medal, including a ribbon
47 to be worn with or in place of the medal;
48 (2) procure the manufacture of the medal and ribbon;

1 (3) if the recipient is a member of the New Jersey National
2 Guard, ensure that award of the medal is properly reflected in the
3 service records;

4 (4) establish procedures to identify members of the reserve
5 components of the United States Armed Forces entitled to award of
6 the medal; and

7 (5) adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.
8 The regulations shall include rules for wearing the medal and
9 ribbon with the uniform of the New Jersey National Guard and
10 provisions for the posthumous award of a medal.

11 f. There is created in the Department of Treasury a special,
12 non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Global War on Terrorism
13 Medal Fund." There shall be deposited into the fund the amounts
14 made available for the purposes of the fund and monetary donations
15 that may be received from any source for the purposes of the fund
16 and any interest earned thereon. Monies deposited in the fund shall
17 be dedicated for the design, manufacture, and distribution of the
18 medal and ribbon.

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

24 25 26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill creates a Global War on Terrorism medal to be
29 presented by the Governor to a veteran who was honorably
30 discharged and is a resident of the State, was a resident upon entry
31 into service, or has been a resident of this State for at least 20 years
32 in the aggregate. The veteran must have served for 30 consecutive
33 days or 60 non-consecutive days in one of the following operations
34 to be eligible for the medal: Operation Enduring Freedom;
35 Operation Noble Eagle; Operation Iraqi Freedom; Operation Nomad
36 Shadow; Operation New Dawn; Operation Inherent Resolve;
37 Operation Freedom's Sentinel; and Operation Odyssey Lighting.
38 The medal will also be available for a person killed in action or
39 missing in action.