

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5472-01  
Bill No.: HB 1933  
Subject: Veterans; Military Affairs  
Type: Original  
Date: February 28, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal authorizes the issuance of a medallion, medal, and certificate to veterans who served in certain wars.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Veterans Commission Capital Improvements Trust	(Less than \$138,000)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>(Less than \$138,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Office of the Adjutant General (OTAG)** state the proposal creates the Operation Iraqi Freedom and the New Dawn Medallion Program (42.310) and the Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm Medallion Program (42.315) which will be administered by the Office of the Adjutant General. This bill also extends the current medal programs (WWI, WWII, Korean Conflict and Vietnam War) and new medal programs to any veteran serving in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether such veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state.

The number of medals requested to order for these new programs is based off the Vietnam War Medallion program counts.

The cost of the medal, certificate, presentation folder, envelopes and stationary for mailing one award is estimated at \$9.00.

OTAG assumes the need for one new FTE, an Office Support Assistant (at \$23,208 per year), to be responsible for program clerical functions, correspondence, maintenance of program files, data entry, internal accounts, communications, record keeping, etc.

OTAG anticipates costs of 13,500 units, with 80 percent (10,800) awarded in FY 2015, and ten percent (1,350) awarded in each of FY 2016 and FY 2017. OTAG also assumes travel, advertising, and printing expenses of \$16,000 in FY 2015, and approximately \$7,250 in FY 2016 and FY 2017.

OTAG assumes the cost for this program will be paid from the General Revenue Fund.

Officials from the **Missouri Veterans Commission** assume the additional cost would impact the Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund (VCCITF).

**Oversight** will assume this expense will be incurred by the VCCITF.

In response to a similar proposal from 2013 (SCS for HB 450), **OTAG** stated approximately 15,153 Soldiers and Airmen have been deployed since 2003. Medal sets cost approximately \$9.00 per set (includes medal, folder and mailing). Therefore, OTAG estimated a cost of \$138,000 for that proposal. OTAG also assumed they would not need an additional FTE to administer the additional medal program.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

**Oversight** assumes only a portion of the Soldiers and Airmen deployed will apply for the medals. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the cost of "Less than \$138,000" (15,153 x \$9) in FY 2015. Oversight will not reflect a cost in subsequent years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
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**VETERANS COMMISSION  
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TRUST**

Costs - OTAG

New medallion programs §§ 42.310 & 42.315	(Less than <u>\$138,000</u> )	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE    VETERANS COMMISSION    CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TRUST</b>	<b>(Less than  <u>\$138,000</u>)</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal creates two new medallion programs, "Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn Medallion Program" and the "Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm Medallion Program." Any veteran who served on active duty during certain dates, is a legal resident of this state, was a legal resident at the time of discharge from military service, or was a Missouri National Guard member regardless of residency is eligible for a medal of appreciation for service.

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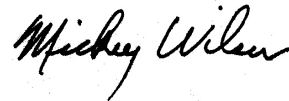
FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The bill further authorizes the issuance of a military medallion, medal, and certificate of appreciation to any veteran who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam War as a member of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether the veteran is a resident of Missouri.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety  
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