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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BURNS (Sponsor), MCKENNA, MAYFIELD, MIMS, RUNIONS,
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 42.170, 42.200, and 42.220, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to military medal programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 42.170, 42.200, and 42.220, RSMo, are repealed and five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 42.170, 42.200, 42.220, 42.310, and 42.315, to read as follows:

42.170. 1. Every veteran who honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time beginning December 7, 1941, and ending December 31, 1946, shall be entitled to receive a medallion, medal and a certificate of appreciation pursuant to sections 42.170 to 42.185, provided that:

(1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident of this state at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death **or such veteran served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether such veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state;** and

(2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service or is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable status at the time of his or her death.

2. The medallion, medal and the certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a foreign country. The medallion, medal and the certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran was under eighteen years of age at the time of enlistment. For purposes of sections 42.170 to 42.185, "veteran"

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 means any person defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or
17 its successor agency.

42.200. 1. There is hereby created within the state adjutant general's office the "Korean
2 Conflict Medallion Program". Every veteran who honorably served on active duty in the United
3 States military service at any time beginning June 27, 1950, and ending January 31, 1955, shall
4 be entitled to receive a Korean Conflict medallion, medal, and a certificate of appreciation
5 pursuant to sections 42.200 to 42.206, provided that:

6 (1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident of this state at the
7 time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death
8 **or such veteran served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether such**
9 **veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state;** and

10 (2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service or is still
11 in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable status at the time
12 of his or her death.

13 2. The Korean Conflict medallion, medal, and a certificate shall be awarded regardless
14 of whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a foreign country. The
15 medallion, medal, and the certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran
16 was under eighteen years of age at the time of enlistment. For purposes of sections 42.200 to
17 42.206, "veteran" means any person defined as a veteran by the United States Department of
18 Veterans' Affairs or its successor agency.

42.220. 1. There is hereby created within the state adjutant general's office the "Vietnam
2 War Medallion Program". Every veteran who honorably served on active duty in the United
3 States military service at any time beginning February 28, 1961, and ending May 7, 1975, shall
4 be entitled to receive a Vietnam War medallion, medal, and a certificate of appreciation under
5 sections 42.220 to 42.226, provided that:

6 (1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident of this state at the
7 time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death
8 **or such veteran served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether such**
9 **veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state;** and

10 (2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service or is still
11 in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable status at the time
12 of his or her death.

13 2. The Vietnam War medallion, medal, and a certificate shall be awarded regardless of
14 whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a foreign country. The
15 medallion, medal, and the certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran
16 was under eighteen years of age at the time of enlistment. For purposes of sections 42.220 to

17 42.226, "veteran" means any person defined as a veteran by the United States Department of
18 Veterans' Affairs or its successor agency.

2 **42.310. 1. There is hereby created within the state adjutant general's office the**
3 **"Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn Medallion Program". Every veteran**
4 **who honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time**
5 **beginning March 19, 2003, and ending December 15, 2011, shall be entitled to receive an**
6 **Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn medallion, medal, and certificate of**
7 **appreciation pursuant to this section, provided that:**

8 (1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident of this state
9 at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his
10 or her death or such veteran served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless
11 of whether such veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state; and

12 (2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service or
13 is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable
14 status at the time of his or her death.

15 2. The Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn medallion, medal, and
16 certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran served within the
17 United States or in a foreign country. The medallion, medal, and certificate shall be
18 awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran was under eighteen years of age at the
19 time of enlistment. For purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person defined as
a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor agency.

2 **42.315. 1. There is hereby created within the state adjutant general's office the**
3 **"Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm Medallion Program". Every**
4 **veteran who honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any**
5 **time beginning August 7, 1990, and ending June 7, 1991, shall be entitled to receive an**
6 **Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm medallion, medal, and certificate of**
7 **appreciation pursuant to this section, provided that:**

8 (1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident of this state
9 at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his
10 or her death or such veteran served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless
11 of whether such veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state; and

12 (2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service or
13 is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable
14 status at the time of his or her death.

15 2. The Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm medallion, medal, and
certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran served within the

16 **United States or in a foreign country. The medallion, medal, and the certificate shall be**
17 **awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran was under eighteen years of age at the**
18 **time of enlistment. For purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person defined as**
19 **a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor agency.**

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