

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 611

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR EIGEL.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 42, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to military medal programs.

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

Section A. Chapter 42, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 42.312, to read as
3 follows:

42.312. 1. There is hereby created within the state
2 adjutant general's office the "Operation Enduring Freedom,
3 Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge
4 Program". Every veteran who honorably served on active duty
5 in the United States military service at any time beginning
6 October 7, 2001, and ending August 30, 2021, shall be
7 entitled to receive an Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation
8 Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge medallion,
9 medal, and certificate of appreciation under this section,
10 provided that:

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

17 (2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged
18 from military service, is still in active service in an

19 honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable
20 status at the time of his or her death.

21 2. The Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's
22 Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge medallion, medal, and
23 certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether such
24 veteran served within the United States or in a foreign
25 country. The medallion, medal, and certificate shall be
26 awarded regardless of whether such veteran was under
27 eighteen years of age at the time of enlistment. For
28 purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person defined
29 as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans
30 Affairs or its successor agency.

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