



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5406

LCO No. 1984



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING AN AWARD HONORING THE HEROIC WARTIME SERVICE OF CERTAIN VETERANS AND RESERVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-73e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with the
4 Adjutant General, shall award a ribbon and medal to each (1) veteran
5 who either (A) was a resident of this state at the time he or she was called
6 to active duty for service in time of war, or (B) is domiciled in this state
7 on the date of such award, and (2) former member of any reserve
8 component of the armed forces who was honorably discharged [who]
9 and either (A) was a resident of this state at the time he or she was
10 serving in such reserve component during a period of war, or (B) is
11 domiciled in this state on the date of such award. The commissioner, in
12 conjunction with the Adjutant General, shall adopt regulations, in
13 accordance with chapter 54, setting forth the process for designing the

14 ribbon and medal, identifying such veterans and former members who
15 are eligible for the ribbon and medal under this section and establishing
16 procedures for distributing the ribbon and medal to each such eligible
17 veteran and former member. The cost of the ribbons and medals shall
18 be paid from the funds appropriated to the military assistance account
19 within the Military Department. Within existing budgetary resources,
20 awards under this section may be made posthumously for veterans who
21 died on or after November 12, 1918. As used in this section, "veteran",
22 "service in time of war" and "period of war" have the same meanings as
23 provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	27-73e

Statement of Purpose:

To make minor and technical revisions to a statute concerning ribbons and medals awarded to certain veterans and armed forces reservists with wartime service.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]