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## IN SENATE

March 3, 2023

Introduced by Sens. HARCKHAM, HELMING, WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the military law, in relation to the issuance of a New York State Afghanistan War Commemorative Medal

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1-d of section 247 of the military law, as  
2 added by chapter 583 of the laws of 2022, is renumbered 1-e and a new  
3 subdivision 1-f is added to read as follows:

4 1-f. The governor is hereby authorized to present in the name of the  
5 legislature of the state of New York, a medal, to be known as the "New  
6 York State Afghanistan War Commemorative Medal", bearing a suitable  
7 inscription, to any person: (i) who is a resident of the state of New  
8 York; or (ii) who was a resident of the state of New York while serving  
9 in the armed forces of the United States; (iii) who served in the United  
10 States Armed Forces, defined as army, air force, navy, marine corps, or  
11 coast guard, or the organized militia defined as the army national  
12 guard, the air national guard, the New York naval militia, or the New  
13 York guard, on active duty abroad in Afghanistan during the period of  
14 time from October seventh, two thousand one through August thirtieth,  
15 two thousand twenty-one; and (iv) who was honorably discharged or  
16 released under honorable circumstances or who has a qualifying condi-  
17 tion, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law,  
18 and received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable  
19 discharge, or is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three  
20 hundred fifty of the executive law, and received a discharge other than  
21 bad conduct or dishonorable discharge. No person shall receive more than  
22 one New York State Afghanistan War Commemorative Medal. In the event of  
23 the death of any eligible person prior to the receipt of such commemora-  
24 tive medal, such commemorative medal shall be presented to the desig-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 nated representative of the deceased. The adjutant general, in consulta-  
2 tion with the director of the division of veterans' services, shall make  
3 such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the proper  
4 presentation and distribution of such medals.

5 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 247 of the military law, as separately  
6 amended by chapters 582 and 583 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 4. This section shall not be construed to require that a recipient of  
9 the conspicuous service cross, the conspicuous service star, the Cold  
10 War Certificate, the New York State Silver Rose Veterans Service Certif-  
11 icate, the New York State Afghanistan War Commemorative Medal or the New  
12 York State Vietnam War Commemorative Medal or the New York State Korean  
13 War Commemorative Medal has been a resident of the state of New York at  
14 the time of his or her entry into the United States army, air force,  
15 navy, or marine corps.

16 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
17 it shall have become a law; provided that if chapters 582 and 583 of the  
18 laws of 2022 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then  
19 this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as  
20 such chapters of the laws of 2022, take effect. The division of military  
21 and naval affairs is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and  
22 regulations and take any other measures necessary to implement the  
23 provisions of this act on its effective date on or before such date.