

SENATE BILL No. 352

May 30, 1991, Introduced by Senators KELLY, FAUST, VAUGHN, CHERRY, MILLER, O'BRIEN, MC MANUS, GEAKE, DE GROW, GAST, EHLERS, CISKY, CARL, WARTNER, HART, PRIDNIA and DI NELLO and referred to the Committee on State Affairs and Military/Veteran Affairs.

A bill to create the order of citizen soldier award; to create the order of the citizen soldier award committee within the department of military affairs; and to prescribe the committee's powers and duties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "citizen soldier award act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Armed forces" means the army, air force, navy, marine
5 corps, coast guard, or other military forces of the United
6 States, and includes the auxiliary branches of those forces.

7 (b) "Committee" means the order of citizen soldier award
8 committee created in section 3.

9 Sec. 3. (1) The order of citizen soldier award committee is
10 created in the department of military affairs and shall be

1 composed of a total of 5 representatives from the Michigan
2 national guard and reserve armed forces. The governor shall
3 appoint the members of the committee.

4 (2) The governor shall appoint a member of the committee to
5 be chairperson of the committee.

6 (3) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the same
7 manner as the original appointment.

8 (4) The governor may remove a member from the committee in
9 accordance with section 10 of article V of the state constitution
10 of 1963. Each appointed member of the committee shall serve
11 without compensation, but may be reimbursed for all necessary
12 travel and other expenses in performing committee duties.

13 Sec. 4. (1) The committee shall meet upon the call of the
14 chairperson.

15 (2) The committee shall do each of the following:

16 (a) Provide public notice of the time, date, and place of
17 each meeting, and hold each meeting in the manner required by the
18 open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being
19 sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

20 (b) Establish an award consisting of a medal designed by the
21 committee or by a designee of the committee that shall be known
22 as the citizen soldier award.

23 (c) Identify each resident of this state who, as a member of
24 the armed forces, performed services related to the Persian Gulf
25 region military conflict designated by the president of the
26 United States as Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert
27 Storm during the period between August 2, 1990 and the date the

1 president of the United States declares that the United States
2 military involvement in that region is terminated.

3 (d) Present to each resident identified in subdivision (c),
4 or to a representative of a resident identified in subdivision
5 (c) who is deceased, the citizen soldier award in a ceremony or
6 ceremonies approved by the committee.

7 (3) A writing prepared, owned, used, in possession of, or
8 retained by the commission in the performance of an official
9 function is subject to the freedom of information act, Act
10 No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to
11 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.