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HOUSE BILL **220**

AN ACT relative to the New Hampshire medal of honor.

SPONSORS: Rep. Graham, Hills 7; Rep. Major, Rock 14; Rep. Kappler, Rock 3; Rep. Theberge, Coos 3; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock 5; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises eligibility requirements for the New Hampshire medal of honor.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT relative to the New Hampshire medal of honor.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 245:1 New Hampshire Medal of Honor; Eligibility. Amend RSA 110-B:81 to read as follows:

2 110-B:81 New Hampshire Medal of Honor.

3 I. There is established a New Hampshire medal of honor, which may be awarded on behalf of
4 the people of the state of New Hampshire to any New Hampshire citizen who has given his or her life
5 while in ~~[the line of duty]~~ **military service** to protect and preserve the rights and freedoms of the
6 people of New Hampshire on or after November 4, 1979, and while:

7 (a) Engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States.

8 (b) Engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force.

9 (c) Assigned as military personnel to friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict
10 against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

11 (d) Serving in a combat zone as designated by Presidential order **and killed in action**.

12 (e) ~~[Engaged in training in preparation for deployment to a combat zone as designated by~~
13 ~~Presidential order.~~

14 ~~(f)~~ Serving in the military and killed as a result of a terrorist act.

15 II. ~~[The adjutant general shall cause the name of a recipient of the New Hampshire medal of~~
16 ~~honor to be entered on a New Hampshire medal of honor roll.~~

17 ~~III.~~ **In addition to the individuals described in paragraph I**, individuals eligible to
18 receive the New Hampshire medal of honor ~~[include]~~ **are limited to:**

19 (a) Members of the New Hampshire national guard at the time they were killed **in**
20 **action.**

21 (b) Members of the United States military reserves who were legal residents of
22 New Hampshire at the time they were killed **in action.**

23 (c) Members of the United States armed forces who were:

24 (1) Legal residents of New Hampshire at the time they were killed~~[-]~~ **in action; or**

25 (2) Stationed in New Hampshire by a proper order of the United States Department
26 of Defense at the time they were killed **in action.**

27 **III. Satisfying the requirements of paragraphs I and II shall not result in the**
28 **automatic award of the New Hampshire medal of honor. The totality of the circumstances**

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1 *of the death shall also be considered in awarding the medal of honor.*

2 IV. The New Hampshire medal of honor shall be awarded, with the recommendation of the
3 adjutant general, by a joint resolution introduced by the president of the senate, the speaker of the
4 house of representatives, or the senator or a member of the house of representatives representing the
5 town or city of residence of the individual killed.

6 V. The adjutant general, with the approval of the governor and council, shall design and
7 provide for the manufacture of the New Hampshire medal of honor. The adjutant general shall
8 design and maintain a New Hampshire medal of honor roll, which shall be available for public
9 viewing.

10 VI. The governor shall present the New Hampshire medal of honor awarded under this
11 section to the family members of the recipient.

12 ***VII. The adjutant general shall cause the name of a recipient of the***
13 ***New Hampshire medal of honor to be entered on the New Hampshire medal of honor roll.***

14 245:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

15 Approved: July 24, 2013

16 Effective Date: July 24, 2013