

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 FOR

3 **H. B. 4350**

4 (By Delegates Fleischauer, Ferro, Longstreth, Iaquina, Barill,  
5 Paxton, Rowan, Eldridge, L. Phillips, Reynolds and Jones)

6  
7 (Originating in the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and  
8 Homeland Security)

9 [February 19, 2014]

10 A BILL to amend of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §15-1G-10, relating  
12 to providing for the awarding of a West Virginia veterans  
13 service decoration, and a West Virginia Service Cross and  
14 ribbon to certain qualifying West Virginia veterans; and  
15 providing rulemaking authority.

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

17 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
18 by adding thereto a new section, designated §15-1G-10, to read as  
19 follows:

20 **ARTICLE 1G. SERVICE MEDALS.**

21 **§15-1G-10. West Virginia veterans service decoration; West**  
22 **Virginia Service Cross.**

23 (a) In addition to any other medals or awards authorized under  
24 the provisions of this article, the following medals are  
25 authorized:

1       (1) A West Virginia veterans service decoration may be awarded  
2 to any resident of West Virginia who served in any of the five  
3 federally recognized military services for a period at a time  
4 during which there was armed conflict.

5       (2) A West Virginia Service Cross and ribbon bar, along with  
6 a certificate signed by the Governor and State Adjutant General,  
7 may be awarded to any veteran who meets the criteria set forth in  
8 subdivision (1) of this subsection, and who also was awarded a  
9 federal achievement medal, commendation medal, meritorious service  
10 medal or a medal for valor by one of the five federally recognized  
11 military services.

12       (b) West Virginia National Guard members may also be  
13 authorized to receive and wear the medals and ribbons authorized  
14 under the provisions of this section in an order of precedence  
15 determined by the Adjutant General.

16       (c) The Adjutant General may propose rules pursuant to  
17 article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to implement the  
18 provisions of this section.