

1 **H. B. 4350**

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7 [Introduced January 28, 2014; referred to the
8 Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security then
9 the Judiciary.]

10 A BILL to amend 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 Medal and ribbon, and a West Virginia Service Cross and ribbon
14 to certain qualifying West Virginia Veterans; and rules.

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

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

19 **ARTICLE 1G. SERVICE MEDALS.**

20 **§15-1G-10. West Virginia Veterans Medal; West Virginia Service**
21 **Cross.**

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

25 (1) A West Virginia Veterans Medal and ribbon bar may be

1 awarded to any resident of West Virginia who served in any of the
2 five federally recognized military services for a period of at
3 least thirty days at a time during which there was armed conflict.

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

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

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

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the awarding of a West Virginia Veterans Medal and ribbon, and a West Virginia Service Cross and ribbon to certain qualifying West Virginia Veterans.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.