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House Bill 2303

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[Introduced February 12, 2021; Referred to the
Committee on the Veterans' Affairs and Homeland
Security then Government Organization]

1 A BILL to repeal §15-1G-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said
 2 code by adding thereto a new section, designated §15-1G-10, relating to the West Virginia
 3 Service Decoration and West Virginia Service Cross.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1G. SERVICE MEDALS.

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

1 [Repealed].

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

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

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

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

12 (d) The secretary may propose rules pursuant to article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of
 13 this code to implement the provisions of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to move authority for the West Virginia veterans service decoration and West Virginia Service Cross to the Division of Veterans Affairs.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.