

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Enrolled

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 479

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[Passed April 7, 2021; in effect 90 days from passage

(July 6, 2021)]

1 AN ACT 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 §9A-1-16, relating to the West Virginia
3 veterans service decoration and West Virginia Service Cross.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' ASSISTANCE.

§9A-1-16. 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 federally recognized military services for a period at a time during
3 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 federally recognized military services.

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

11 (d) The secretary may propose rules pursuant to §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code to
12 implement the provisions of this section.

ARTICLE 1G. SERVICE MEDALS.

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

1 [Repealed.]

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman, Senate Committee

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Chairman, House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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