

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Board of Trustees for the Virginia War Memorial Foundation to establish criteria*
3 *to honor Virginia's war casualties.*

4 [H 1875]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. § 1.** *Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-2708 of the Code of Virginia and in continuation of its*
8 *mission to honor patriotic Virginians who rendered faithful military service and paid the ultimate*
9 *sacrifice in the cause of freedom and liberty for the Commonwealth and the nation, the Virginia War*
10 *Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees shall establish criteria for those names and homes of record to*
11 *be engraved on the walls of the Virginia War Memorial. The criteria shall be adopted by the Board no*
12 *later than November 1, 2009, and shall be the basis of legislation to be submitted to the 2010 Regular*
13 *Session of the General Assembly for codification of policies to ensure consistent appropriate*
14 *memorialization in the future.*

15 § 2. *In developing the criteria for names to be engraved on the Memorial for wars memorialized by*
16 *the Virginia War Memorial, the Board shall address but not be limited to the following: (i) definition of*
17 *home of record; (ii) beginning date for application of the criteria; (iii) definition of uniform military*
18 *services; (iv) definition of combat area; (v) any reasons not to include someone who was killed in*
19 *action, was a hostile casualty, died as a prisoner of war, or who is missing in action and presumed*
20 *dead; (vi) categories of non-hostile combat related casualties that will be included; (vii) the*
21 *circumstances of military casualties resulting from acts of terrorism that will be included; and (viii)*
22 *whether there are any circumstances that justify including the name of a member of the military whose*
23 *death occurred within the United States. The Board shall further consider (i) circumstances that could*
24 *warrant case by case consideration of a name being engraved on the Memorial and (ii) possible*
25 *inclusion in the Memorial of casualties that would not fall under the criteria for the name being*
26 *engraved on the Memorial. The Board shall be guided by but not limited to determinations made under*
27 *the United States Department of Defense Personnel Casualty Matters, Policies, and Procedures.*

28 § 3. *The Board shall complete the work required by this act on or before November 1, 2009, and*
29 *shall submit to the Governor and General Assembly an executive summary and report of its findings and*
30 *recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report*
31 *shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for*
32 *the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2010 Regular*
33 *Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.*

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