

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to codify the criteria to memorialize fallen Virginians at the Virginia War Memorial.*

3 [S 987]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1.** *§ 1. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, and in accordance with Chapter 404 of the*
7 *Acts of Assembly of 2009, the names and homes of record of patriotic Virginians who rendered faithful*
8 *military service and paid the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of freedom and liberty for the*
9 *Commonwealth and the nation shall be engraved on the walls of the Virginia War Memorial Shrine of*
10 *Memory, subject to the following criteria:*11 *1. The deceased service member shall be a Virginian based upon official state of residency as listed*
12 *on U.S. Department of Defense documents. However, the Virginia War Memorial Foundation Board of*
13 *Trustees may also, under extraordinary circumstances and within the full discretion of the Board,*
14 *determine that the service member is a Virginian based on place of birth, longtime residency, or other*
15 *substantial ties to the Commonwealth independent of the residency status listed on U.S. Department of*
16 *Defense documents; and*17 *2. The deceased service member shall have died while serving on active duty in the uniformed armed*
18 *forces in a U.S. Department of Defense designated combat zone under honorable conditions or shall*
19 *have been designated "Missing in Action" and presumed dead. For purposes of this act, "uniformed*
20 *armed forces" shall include active duty members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast*
21 *Guard, Reserve elements of any such branches, and National Guard when mobilized for qualifying*
22 *service.*

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