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HOUSE BILL NO. 1089

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 44-13.1, relating to the Cold War Service Medal.

Patron—Crockett-Stark

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 44-13.1 as follows:

§ 44-13.1. Issuance of Cold War Service Medal.

A. For purposes of this section:

"Cold War" means the period beginning on September 2, 1945, and ending December 26, 1991.

"Persons eligible to receive the Cold War Service Medal" means any person (i) who (a) served on active duty in the Virginia National Guard for not less than 24 consecutive months during the Cold War, (b) was deployed as a member of the Virginia National Guard outside the continental United States for a period of at least 30 days during the Cold War, or (c) performed such other service in the Virginia National Guard during the Cold War as the Adjutant General may prescribe for purposes of this section and (ii) who, if discharged or released from the Virginia National Guard, was so discharged or released under conditions after service in the Virginia National Guard characterized as honorable.

- B. The Adjutant General may issue a service medal, to be known as the Cold War Service Medal, to persons eligible to receive the Cold War Service Medal.
- C. The Cold War Service Medal shall be of an appropriate design approved by the Adjutant General, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other appurtenances.
 - D. Not more than one Cold War Service Medal may be issued to any person.
- E. If a person eligible to receive the Cold War Service Medal dies before being issued the Cold War Service Medal, the medal may be issued to the person's representative, as designated by the Adjutant General.
- F. Under guidelines prescribed by the Adjutant General, a Cold War Service Medal that is lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use without fault or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was issued may be replaced without charge.
- G. The issuance of a Cold War Service Medal shall be subject to such guidelines as the Adjutant General shall prescribe for purposes of this section. The Adjutant General shall ensure that any guidelines prescribed under this subsection are uniform to the extent possible.