

# Senate Bill No. 468

(By Senators Miller, Yost, Prezioso, Wells, Carmichael, Snyder,  
Fitzsimmons, Nohe, Jenkins, D. Hall and Edgell)

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[Introduced February 3, 2014; referred to the  
Committee on Military; and then to the Committee  
on Government Organization.]

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
adding thereto a new section, designated §15-1G-10, relating  
to providing for the awarding of a West Virginia Veterans  
Medal and ribbon and a West Virginia Service Cross and  
ribbon to certain qualifying West Virginia veterans; and rules.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
by adding thereto a new section, designated §15-1G-10, to read as  
follows:

## **ARTICLE 1G. SERVICE MEDALS.**

**§15-1G-10. West Virginia Veterans Medal; West Virginia  
Service Cross.**

1       (a) In addition to any other medals or awards authorized  
2 under the provisions of this article, the following medals are  
3 authorized:

4       (1) A West Virginia Veterans Medal and ribbon bar may  
5 be awarded to any resident of West Virginia who served in  
6 any of the five federally recognized military services for a  
7 period of at least thirty days at a time during which there was  
8 armed conflict.

9       (2) A West Virginia Service Cross and ribbon bar, along  
10 with a certificate signed by the Governor and State Adjutant  
11 General, may be awarded to any veteran who meets the  
12 criteria set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, and  
13 who also was awarded a federal achievement medal,  
14 commendation medal, meritorious service medal or a medal  
15 for valor by one of the five federally recognized military  
16 services.

17       (b) West Virginia National Guard members may also be  
18 authorized to receive and wear the medals and ribbons  
19 authorized under the provisions of this section in an order of  
20 precedence determined by the Adjutant General.

21 (c) The Adjutant General may propose rules pursuant to  
22 article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to implement  
23 the provisions of this section.

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(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the awarding of a West Virginia Veterans Medal and ribbon, and a West Virginia Service Cross and ribbon to certain qualifying West Virginia Veterans.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.)

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#### MILITARY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Senate Bill No. 468**—A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §15-1G-10, relating to providing for the awarding of a West Virginia Veterans Medal and ribbon and a West Virginia Service Cross and ribbon to certain qualifying West Virginia veterans; providing for the awarding of these medals and ribbons to West Virginia National Guard members as determined by the Adjutant General; and authorizing the Adjutant General to propose legislative rules.