

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 479**

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1 A BILL 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 five federally recognized military services for a period at a time  
3 during 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 five federally recognized military  
8 services.

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

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

**ARTICLE 1G. SERVICE MEDALS.**

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

1 [Repealed.]