
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITARY SERVICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. In 2005, the legislature passed Act 21, which
2 provided for a Hawaii medal of honor to express the deep
3 appreciation and gratitude of the people of Hawaii to the loved
4 ones of members of the military who sacrificed their lives in
5 defense of our nation and its freedom. Since 2006, there have
6 been more than two hundred forty recipients of the Hawaii medal
7 of honor.

8 The purpose of this Act is to clarify the eligibility
9 requirements for the Hawaii medal of honor.

10 SECTION 2. Section 5-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended as follows:

12 1. By amending its title and subsection (a) to read:

13 " ~~[+]~~**\$5-22**~~[+]~~ **Hawaii medal of honor.** (a) The Hawaii medal
14 of honor may be awarded on behalf of the people of the State of
15 Hawaii to an individual who has been killed in action~~[7]~~ while:

16 (1) Engaged in an action against an enemy of the United
17 States;



1 (2) Engaged in military operations involving conflict with
2 an opposing foreign force;

3 (3) Serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an
4 armed conflict against an opposing armed force in
5 which the United States is not a belligerent party;
6 [~~or~~]

7 (4) Serving in a combat zone as designated by presidential
8 order[-];

9 (5) Serving in direct support of military operations in a
10 combat zone if that service is designated as such by
11 the United States Department of Defense; or

12 (6) Performing duty subject to hostile fire or imminent
13 danger if that duty qualifies the individual for
14 special military pay as determined by the United
15 States Department of Defense."

16 2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

17 "(c) Individuals eligible to receive the Hawaii medal of
18 honor include:

19 (1) Members of the Hawaii national guard who were legal
20 residents of Hawaii and were activated into service at
21 the time they were killed in action;



1 (2) Members of the United States military reserves who
2 were legal residents of Hawaii and were activated into
3 service at the time they were killed in action;

4 (3) Members of the regular United States armed forces who
5 were:

6 (A) Legal residents of Hawaii at the time they were
7 killed in action; or

8 (B) Stationed in Hawaii by a proper order of the
9 United States Department of Defense at the time
10 they were killed in action; and

11 (4) Members of the Hawaii national guard[~~7~~] or United
12 States military reserves who were activated into
13 service, or members of the regular United States armed
14 forces, who:

15 (A) Attended a public or private educational
16 institution in Hawaii at some period during their
17 lives; and

18 (B) Were killed in action."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Hawaii Medal of Honor; Title 10 Status

Description:

Expands the scope of eligibility requirements for the Hawaii Medal of Honor to include additional service members. (HB1282 HD1)

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