

COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred House Bill No. 1387, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 10-16-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.38-2011,
4 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 1. The following awards and decorations are
6 established to be bestowed upon the officers and enlisted persons of the
7 armed forces of Indiana under the conditions and in the manner
8 provided in this article:
9 (1) An Indiana Distinguished Service Cross shall be awarded to
10 any commissioned officer or enlisted person of the militia, who:
11 (A) performs, at great personal danger and risk of life or limb
12 in peace or war, any act of heroism designed to protect life or
13 property; or
14 (B) in the face of a military or armed enemy of the United
15 States government or of the state of Indiana, performs an act
16 over and beyond the call of duty, which act, danger, or risk the
17 officer or enlisted person could have failed to perform or incur
18 without being subject to censure for neglect of duty.
19 (2) An Indiana Distinguished Service Medal shall be awarded to
20 a commissioned officer or an enlisted person of the militia and
21 other officers, enlisted persons, and civilians, who perform

- 1 unusually distinguished or meritorious service, that:
- 2 (A) to a marked degree is reflected in the increased efficiency
- 3 of the militia; or
- 4 (B) brings exceptional and great honor or credit to the Indiana
- 5 armed forces and commands the attention and respect of the
- 6 citizens of Indiana and of the military establishment
- 7 throughout the United States.
- 8 (3) Long Service Medals shall be awarded to officers and enlisted
- 9 persons for honest and faithful service in the federally recognized
- 10 Indiana national guard for periods of:
- 11 (A) ten (10) years;
- 12 (B) fifteen (15) years;
- 13 (C) twenty (20) years;
- 14 (D) twenty-five (25) years; and
- 15 (E) for longer periods.
- 16 A symbol shall be worn on the ribbon of each medal, one (1) for
- 17 each year in addition to the period for which the medal was
- 18 issued, until the officer or enlisted person is entitled to a medal
- 19 for the next period for which a different long service medal is
- 20 issued.
- 21 (4) An Indiana national guard commendation medal shall be
- 22 awarded to any commissioned officer or enlisted person of the
- 23 militia and other officers, enlisted persons, and civilians, who
- 24 have distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement or
- 25 meritorious service. The required meritorious achievement or
- 26 meritorious service while of lesser degree than that required for
- 27 the award of the Indiana distinguished service medal must have
- 28 been accomplished with distinction. The award may be made for
- 29 acts of outstanding courage that do not meet the requirements for
- 30 award of the Indiana distinguished service medal. It is particularly
- 31 desirable that emphasis be placed on the award of this decoration
- 32 to outstanding company grade officers, warrant officers, and
- 33 enlisted personnel whose achievements and service meet the
- 34 prescribed standards.
- 35 (5) An Indiana Emergency Service Ribbon shall be awarded to all
- 36 currently assigned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted
- 37 members of the Indiana national guard who have served on state
- 38 active duty during a state emergency. For purposes of this
- 39 subdivision, "state emergency" means any emergency for any
- 40 period declared by the governor or the adjutant general. The
- 41 Indiana emergency service ribbon shall be awarded to denote
- 42 honorable state active military duty by members of the Indiana

1 army and air national guard during state emergencies.

2 (6) Other medals for any war or campaign or mobilization for
3 which a medal has not been awarded by the federal government
4 may be:

5 (A) established by executive order of the governor; and

6 (B) awarded to members of any federally recognized military
7 force of the state who participated in the military force.

8 (7) An Air National Guard First Sergeant Ribbon is authorized for
9 a currently assigned member who serves or has previously served
10 as a first sergeant in the Indiana Air National Guard, if the
11 member meets the criteria set forth in clause (A). A request for an
12 award, including a retroactive award, must be submitted in the
13 manner set forth in clause (B), and meet any other criteria
14 established by the adjutant general. The ribbon shall consist of a
15 plain blue field with a silver diamond device in the center, and no
16 medal shall accompany the award of the ribbon. The ribbon shall
17 be awarded as follows:

18 (A) In recognition of meritorious service by a member of the
19 Indiana Air National Guard who has served in the first
20 sergeant career field, Special Duty Identifier 8F000, and who
21 meets the following criteria:

22 (i) Has been assigned to a valid first sergeant position for at
23 least three (3) years.

24 (ii) Graduated from either the United States Air Force
25 Academy or the Army National Guard First Sergeant
26 Academy.

27 (B) The individual unit commander of a member of the
28 Indiana Air National Guard who meets the criteria set forth in
29 clause (A) shall submit a letter to the wing commander,
30 recommending the member for the award based upon the
31 member's contributions, conduct, and demonstrated leadership
32 as a first sergeant. If the wing commander approves, the wing
33 commander shall forward the letter of recommendation to the
34 military personnel flight commanding officer for action. If the
35 wing commander disapproves, the wing commander shall
36 return the letter of recommendation to the unit commander.

37 (C) The adjutant general shall establish procedures for the
38 award presentation ceremony following accepted practice and
39 military tradition.

40 **(8) An Indiana Funeral Honors Ribbon shall be awarded to all**
41 **members of the Indiana Air National Guard, the Indiana**
42 **Army National Guard, retired members of the Indiana Air**

1 **National Guard and Indiana Army National Guard, and**
 2 **members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign**
 3 **Wars organizations who have been trained and certified by**
 4 **the United States Department of Defense as Department of**
 5 **Defense Funeral Honors participants. The Indiana Funeral**
 6 **Honors Ribbon shall be awarded to denote honorable and**
 7 **distinguished service in the performance of military funerals**
 8 **and similar activities within Indiana.**

9 For the purposes of this article, officers and enlisted persons of the
 10 regular army assigned to the armed forces of Indiana as instructors and
 11 assistant instructors shall be considered as officers and enlisted persons
 12 of the Indiana armed forces."

13 Page 3, line 30, delete "computers" and insert "**computer**
 14 **equipment**".

15 Page 4, line 4, delete "hardware" and insert "**equipment**".

16 Page 4, line 7, delete "hardware" and insert "**equipment**".

17 Page 4, line 9, delete "hardware" and insert "**equipment**".

18 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1387 as printed February 12, 2013.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Senator Wyss, Chairperson