

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 3, 2008

Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 3100

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3100 - By: BANZ of the House and _____ of the Senate.

An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; establishing the Oklahoma Legislative Medal of Honor; providing for design of medallion and ribbon; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

- 1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 50.25 of Title 72, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
- 4 A. The Oklahoma Legislative Medal of Honor shall be awarded to a member of the
5 state or federal military forces designated by concurrent resolution of the Legislature
6 who voluntarily performs a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice involving risk of life
7 that is so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the person for gallantry and intrepidity
8 above the person's comrades. The medal shall be awarded based on the standard of
9 extraordinary merit. The medal shall be awarded only on incontestable proof of
10 performance of the deed. To be eligible for the Oklahoma Legislative Medal of Honor, a
11 person shall:
- 12 1. Have been born in this state;

- 1 2. Reside in this state or have been a resident of this state on the person's death; or
2 3. Have been a resident of this state when the person entered military service.

3 B. A person is not ineligible for the Oklahoma Legislative Medal of Honor because
4 the person has received any other medal or award for military service, including a medal
5 or award made by the United States.

6 C. To receive the Oklahoma Legislative Medal of Honor, a person shall be
7 nominated during a regular session of the Legislature by majority vote of all the
8 members of a nominating committee consisting of:

9 1. The Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designated representative;

10 2. The Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor's designated
11 representative;

12 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives or the Speaker's designated
13 representative;

14 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the President Pro Tempore's
15 designated representative;

16 5. The chair of the standing committee of each house of the Legislature with
17 primary jurisdiction over military and veteran affairs; and

18 6. The Oklahoma Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

19 D. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall design the medallion and ribbon for
20 the Oklahoma Legislative Medal of Honor.

21 E. The Legislature by concurrent resolution may direct the Governor to award the
22 Oklahoma Legislative Medal of Honor to a person nominated by the nominating

1 committee. The committee chairs serving on the nominating committee shall jointly
2 prepare a concurrent resolution directing the Governor to award the medal to a person
3 nominated. The Legislature shall direct the medal to be awarded only during a regular
4 session and shall not direct the medal to be awarded to more than one person during a
5 regular session.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02-28-08 - DO
8 PASS, As Amended.