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Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
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Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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VETERANS

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Provides relative to the distribution of Honor Medals to veterans

Proposed legislation creates an application for the distribution of the Veterans' Honor Medals so the applicant may receive the medal in one of the following methods: 1) delivery by Postal Service, 2) delivery to the Department of Veterans Affairs parish office where the veteran resides, 3) delivery to the veteran by the governor or his designee in a ceremony conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Proposed legislation also requires the secretary deliver each medal in accordance with the application and deliver the medal to the veteran within 45 days of receipt of the application. Effective upon signature of the governor.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation could result in an indeterminable increase in state general fund expenditures for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) due to the requirement within this bill that medals be delivered to veterans within 45 days of receipt of application. To the extent that the demand for medals exceeds the number of medals purchased annually by the department, the department could incur additional costs related to purchasing additional medals (\$4 per medal) to meet the demand and the 45-day requirement. However, the specific number of veterans that will ultimately apply for medals as a result of the varied receipt options now available as a result of the legislation is unknown.

The department currently conducts ceremonies in which the governor awards medals to veterans and mails medals to veterans who are unable to attend ceremonies due to hardships. This bill would provide veterans a choice of whether to receive medals by U.S. Postal Service, by delivery to the parish service office in the veteran's parish of residence, or by delivery of the governor in a ceremony. With the varied options of receiving medals provided for in this bill, the department anticipates an increase in veterans applying to receive medals.

The current operating budget for the medal program is \$42,130 and remains the same in FY 12 (current version of HB 1). In FY 11, DVA has purchased approximately 6,300 medals for a cost of \$25,200 (6,300 medals x \$4 per medal) and expended \$7,300 in postage for post cards and invitations for ceremonies and medals to veterans. To the extent veterans choose to receive medals may mail, the department will incur additional postage expenses at a rate of \$3 per medal. However, the total number of veterans that choose to receive medals via mail is indeterminable at this time.

NOTE: According to the department, there are approximately 300,000 veterans in the state of Louisiana and each is entitled to receive a medal. To date approximately 26,000 medals have been awarded since the medal program began.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		☐ 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}	<i>Evan Brasseaux</i>
		☐ 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}	
☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director