

Existing law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs to establish and manage the Veterans' Honor Medal Program to recognize and honor La. veterans.

Existing law provides for the design of the honor medal and requires the secretary to determine eligibility for the award based upon military records.

New law requires the secretary to create an application for distribution of the honor medal in which the veteran may choose a method of delivery.

New law requires the secretary to deliver each medal pursuant to the method of delivery selected by the veteran on the application. Requires the secretary to deliver the medal to the applicant within 45 days unless the veteran elects to receive the medal in a ceremony conducted by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 20, 2011).

(Adds R.S. 36:784(A)(8)(d), (e), and (f))