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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; requiring the commissioner of veterans affairs to design,
1.3 produce, and develop a commemorative ribbon and medallion recognizing service
1.4 in the United States armed forces during the Korean War; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 190.19, subdivision 2a.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 190.19, subdivision 2a, is amended
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 2a. **Uses; veterans.** (a) Money appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs
1.10 from the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account may be used for:

1.11 (1) grants to veterans service organizations;

1.12 (2) outreach to underserved veterans;

1.13 (3) providing services and programs for veterans and their families;

1.14 (4) transfers to the vehicle services account for Gold Star license plates under section
1.15 168.1253;

1.16 (5) grants of up to \$100,000 to any organization approved by the commissioner of
1.17 veterans affairs for the purpose of supporting and improving the lives of veterans and their
1.18 families;

1.19 (6) grants to an eligible foundation; ~~and~~

1.20 (7) the agency's uncompensated burial costs for eligible dependents to whom the
1.21 commissioner grants a no-fee or reduced-fee burial in the state's veteran cemeteries pursuant
1.22 to section 197.236, subdivision 9, paragraph (b)-; and

2.1 (8) the design, production, and distribution of a commemorative Korean War ribbon
 2.2 and medallion.

2.3 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "eligible foundation" includes any organization
 2.4 that:

2.5 (1) is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

2.6 (2) is a nonprofit corporation under chapter 317A and the organization's articles of
 2.7 incorporation specify that a purpose of the organization includes: (i) providing assistance
 2.8 to veterans and their families; or (ii) enhancing the lives of veterans and their families.

2.9 **Sec. 2. KOREAN WAR SERVICE RIBBON AND MEDALLION.**

2.10 **Subdivision 1. Ribbon and medallion.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall
 2.11 design, produce, and distribute a commemorative ribbon and medallion recognizing service
 2.12 in the United States armed forces during the Korean War. The commissioner may contract
 2.13 for the design and production of the ribbon and medallion.

2.14 **Subd. 2. Eligibility.** The commissioner shall establish the service requirements necessary
 2.15 to qualify for the ribbon and medallion.

2.16 **Subd. 3. Distribution.** The commissioner must provide the ribbon and medallion without
 2.17 charge to a resident of this state who meets the service requirements established by the
 2.18 commissioner and requests a ribbon and medallion. By July 27, 2019, the commissioner
 2.19 shall distribute the ribbons and medallions to qualifying individuals.

2.20 **Sec. 3. COMMEMORATIVE KOREAN WAR RIBBON AND MEDALLION.**

2.21 In fiscal year 2019, the commissioner of veterans affairs shall use \$..... from the Support
 2.22 Our Troops account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 190.19,
 2.23 for the design, production, and distribution of a commemorative Korean War ribbon and
 2.24 medallion. The funds are available until expended.