**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 2‑67‑20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDAL OF VALOR, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE RECEIVED SEPARATION, RETIREMENT, OR DISCHARGE FORMS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDAL OF VALOR.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 2‑67‑20(D) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(D) Individuals eligible to receive the South Carolina Medal of Valor include:

(1) members of the South Carolina National Guard who were legal residents of South Carolina at the time of their death;

(2) members of a Reserve Component of the United States Armed Forces who were legal residents of South Carolina at the time of their death;

(3) members of the regular United States Armed Forces who were:

(a) legal residents of South Carolina at the time of their death; or

(b) stationed in South Carolina by a proper order of the United States Department of Defense at the time they were killed in action; or

(4) members of the South Carolina National Guard, a regular or reserve component of the United States Armed Forces who:

(a) attended a public or private educational institution in South Carolina at some period during their lives; and

(b) were killed or died as described in subsection (B)~~.~~; or

(5) members of the United States Armed Forces who have received a DD Form 214, or a previous version of the DD Form 214, including a WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD 53‑55, NAVPERS 553, NAVMC 78PD, or NAVCG 553 form.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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