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SENATE BILL NO. 161—SENATORS COFFIN, TITUS, HECK, HARDY, HORSFORD, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, LEE, MATHEWS, McGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN PERKINS, OHRENSCHALL, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, GERHARDT, GRADY, MANENDO, PARKS, SHERER AND WEBER

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Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

**SUMMARY**—Creates Nevada War on Terrorism Medal.  
(BDR 36-705)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to military affairs; creating the Nevada War on Terrorism Medal; establishing the criteria for awarding the medal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing federal law creates Global War on Terrorism Medals for National  
2 Guard and military reserve members who have served on active duty since  
3 September 11, 2001. (Executive Order 13289, 68 Federal Register 12567) Existing  
4 state law allows the Office of the Military to create awards and approve the design  
5 for the awards which must conform to federal law and directives. (NRS 412.064)

6 This bill creates a Nevada War on Terrorism Medal and requires the Office of  
7 the Military to design and create the Medal. A member of the Reserves who is a  
8 Nevada resident or a member of the Nevada National Guard who serves on active  
9 duty in support of the global war on terrorism for 30 consecutive days or a total of  
10 60 days is eligible to receive this state medal. This bill also requires the Office of  
11 the Military to adopt regulations concerning the state medal.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1      **Section 1.** Chapter 412 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3      **1. There is hereby created the Nevada War on Terrorism  
4      Medal.**

5      **2. The Office shall award the Nevada War on Terrorism  
6      Medal to a member of the Reserves who is a resident of this State  
7      or a member of the Nevada National Guard who:**

8      **(a) Is called into active duty in the Armed Forces of the United  
9      States on or after September 11, 2001, in support of the global war  
10     on terrorism; and**

11     **(b) Serves for 30 consecutive days or a total of 60 days on state  
12     active duty status or pursuant to Title 10 or Title 32 of the United  
13     States Code.**

14     **↳ A person may not receive more than one Nevada War on  
15     Terrorism Medal.**

16     **3. The Office shall:**

17     **(a) Establish a suitable design for the medal, including a  
18     ribbon, badge or other insignia to be worn with or in place of the  
19     medal.**

20     **(b) Procure the manufacture of the medal, ribbon, badge or  
21     other insignia.**

22     **(c) If the recipient is a member of the Nevada National Guard,  
23     ensure that award of the medal is properly reflected in the service  
24     records of the recipient.**

25     **(d) Establish procedures to identify members of the Reserves  
26     entitled to award of the medal.**

27     **(e) Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this  
28     section. The regulations must include, without limitation:**

29     **(1) Rules for wearing the medal, ribbon, badge or other  
30     insignia with the uniform of the Nevada National Guard; and**

31     **(2) Provisions for the posthumous award of a medal.**

32     **4. As used in this section, "Reserves" means the Air Force  
33     Reserve, Army Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Marine Reserve  
34     and Navy Reserve.**

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