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**Amendment**

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To: House Bill No. 6597

File No. 375

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**"AN ACT CREATING THE CIVILIAN MEDAL OF HONOR."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) The Commissioner of  
4 Emergency Services and Public Protection is authorized to award the  
5 Connecticut medal of bravery directly or posthumously to any citizen  
6 of the state in recognition of a valorous and heroic deed performed in  
7 saving a life or for injury or death or threat of injury or death incurred  
8 in the service of the state or such citizen's community or on behalf of  
9 the health, welfare or safety of other persons. Recommendations for  
10 the Connecticut medal of bravery may be submitted to the  
11 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the  
12 commissioner, by any member of the public.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Adjutant General and two

14 officers of field grade or above, appointed by the Adjutant General,  
15 shall constitute a board of officers to receive recommendations,  
16 through military channels, for the award, within available  
17 appropriations, of the medal of achievement to any member of the  
18 Connecticut National Guard who has distinguished himself or herself  
19 through outstanding achievement or meritorious service during the  
20 performance of any state military service, including military service  
21 described in section 27-61 of the general statutes and military service  
22 performed pursuant to chapter 518 of the general statutes. A bronze  
23 oak leaf cluster shall be issued in lieu of succeeding awards and a  
24 silver oak leaf cluster shall be worn in lieu of five bronze oak leaf  
25 clusters.

26 Sec. 3. Section 27-73a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

28 The Adjutant General, at his or her discretion, may issue an  
29 appropriate service ribbon to all members of the armed forces of the  
30 state ordered to active duty in time of emergency [in accordance with  
31 section 27-14] for upholding the law and preserving order, [or]  
32 protecting lives and property, [or] assisting civil authorities, [or the]  
33 providing aid and relief [of] to civilians in disaster or similar service  
34 ordered by the Governor. A bronze oak leaf cluster shall be issued in  
35 lieu of succeeding awards and a silver oak leaf cluster [may] shall be  
36 worn in lieu of [three] five bronze oak leaf clusters. [This section shall  
37 apply to service rendered on or after August 19, 1955.]

38 Sec. 4. Section 27-73b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

40 The Adjutant General shall issue an appropriate service ribbon to all  
41 members of the unit declared to be the outstanding company-size unit  
42 in the Connecticut National Guard in accordance with National Guard  
43 regulations, provided such members participated in at least fifty per  
44 cent of the unit's training activities during the period covered by the  
45 award. A bronze oak leaf cluster shall be issued in lieu of succeeding

46 awards and a silver oak leaf cluster [may] shall be worn in lieu of  
 47 [three] five bronze oak leaf clusters. [These awards shall be made  
 48 retroactive to 1947.]"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	27-73a
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	27-73b