

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDWARDS, AUBERT, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BILLIOT, BROSSETT, BURRELL, CARTER, CHANDLER, CHANEY, DIXON, FANNIN, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, GUILLORY, HARRISON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, ROSALIND JONES, LEGER, LORUSSO, MONToucET, POPE, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, GARY SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, TALBOT, TEMPLET, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS ADLEY, MARIONNEAUX, AND MURRAY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 36:784(A)(8)(d), (e), and (f), relative to the Veterans' Honor Medal Program;
3 to provide relative to the application for Honor Medals; to provide for methods of
4 distribution of Honor Medals; to require delivery of medals within a specified period
5 of time in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 36:784(A)(8)(d), (e), and (f) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §784. Powers and duties of the secretary

9 A. In addition to the functions, powers, and duties otherwise vested in the
10 secretary by law, he shall:

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12 (8)

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14 (d) Create an application for the distribution of the Honor Medal in which
15 the applicant may elect to receive a medal by one of the following methods:

16 (i) Delivery by the United States Postal Service.

17 (ii) Delivery to the Department of Veterans Affairs parish service office in
18 the parish where the veteran resides.

19 (iii) Delivery to the veteran by the governor or his designee in a ceremony
20 conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (e) Deliver each Honor Medal pursuant to the method of delivery selected
2 by the veteran on the application in accordance with Subparagraph (d) of this
3 Paragraph.

4 (f) Deliver each Honor Medal to the applicant within forty-five days of
5 receipt of the application unless the veteran elects to receive the medal in a ceremony
6 conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
12 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____