

HCS HB 163, 213 & 216 -- VETERANS' MEDALLION PROGRAMS (Smith, 14)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Veterans

Currently, any World War II veteran who wants to receive a medallion, medal, and certificate of appreciation must have been a Missouri resident before August 28, 2000, and must have made application for the medals prior to July 1, 2004. Veterans of the Korean War who want to receive the medallion, medal, and certificate of appreciation must have been Missouri residents before August 28, 2003, and must have made application for the medals prior to January 1, 2005.

This substitute allows veterans of World War II or the Korean War to receive the medals of appreciation as long as they are a resident of Missouri, had been a resident at the time of entering or being discharged from the military, or had been a resident at the time of death. The application deadlines for both medical programs are removed.

In both programs, the substitute requires that the medallions, medals, and certificates be awarded until the supply is exhausted. When there are fewer than 100 medallions, medals, and certificates for either program, the Adjutant General must notify the General Assembly.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.