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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 26.05.190 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (e) The adjutant general shall maintain the Alaska Decoration of Honor Roll.

5 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 26.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 26.05.342. Alaska Decoration of Honor.** (a) There is created an Alaska  
7 Decoration of Honor. The Alaska Decoration of Honor may be awarded to an  
8 individual who has been killed in action on or after the date Alaska achieved statehood  
9 while

10 (1) engaged in an action against any enemy of the United States;

11 (2) engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing  
12 foreign force;

13 (3) serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict

1 against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party;  
2 or

3 (4) serving in or deploying to or from a combat zone as designated by  
4 presidential order.

5 (b) To be eligible to receive the Alaska Decoration of Honor, an individual  
6 must have been, at the time the individual was killed in action, a member of

7 (1) the Alaska National Guard who was a legal resident of the state;

8 (2) the United States military reserves who was a legal resident of the  
9 state; or

10 (3) the regular United States armed forces who was

11 (A) a legal resident of the state; or

12 (B) stationed in the state by a proper order of the United States  
13 Department of Defense.

14 (c) The Alaska Decoration of Honor shall be awarded by a concurrent  
15 resolution drafted in consultation with the adjutant general's office. The resolution  
16 must be

17 (1) introduced by the president of the senate, the speaker of the house  
18 of representatives, a member of the legislature who is the authorized representative of  
19 the president of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives, or the chair  
20 of the committee of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over  
21 military and veterans' affairs; and

22 (2) adopted by both houses of the legislature.

23 (d) The Joint Armed Services Committee shall make arrangements for the  
24 designing and awarding of the Alaska Decoration of Honor.

25 (e) The adjutant general shall

26 (1) annually obtain from the United States government a list of  
27 individuals who fulfill the criteria described in (a)(1) - (4) and (b)(1) - (3) of this  
28 section during the previous calendar year; and

29 (2) not later than December 31 each year, provide this list of  
30 individuals to the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives;  
31 the adjutant general may edit the list to remove from it the name of any individual

1           whose service, in the judgment of the adjutant general, would have resulted in the  
2           individual's discharge or release under conditions that were other than honorable.

3                       (f) The adjutant general shall enter the name of each recipient of the Alaska  
4           Decoration of Honor on the Alaska Decoration of Honor Roll maintained under  
5           AS 26.05.190(e).

6           \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
7           read:

8                       **INITIAL LIST TO BE OBTAINED BY ADJUTANT GENERAL.** The initial list of  
9           individuals obtained from the United States government by the adjutant general under  
10          AS 26.05.342(e)(1) must include all individuals who meet the criteria described in  
11          AS 26.05.342(a)(1) - (4) and (b)(1) - (3) and were killed in action at some time after  
12          January 2, 1959, and before January 1, 2007.