

HOUSE BILL NO. 1057

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Adjutant General)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new subsections to section 37-01-01, a new section to
2 chapter 37-03, and section 37-01-10.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the
3 definition and authority of the adjutant general to present awards; and to amend and reenact
4 sections 37-01-09 and 37-01-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to service medals
5 awarded to national guard members.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1.** Two new subsections to section 37-01-01 of the North Dakota Century Code
8 are created and enacted as follows:

9 "Adjutant general coin" means a coin or medallion bearing the state's adjutant
10 general's organization insignia or emblem.

11 "Disaster response coin" means a coin or medallion bearing a design to commemorate
12 the response during a state disaster or emergency.

13 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 37-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
14 and enacted as follows:

15 **North Dakota adjutant general and disaster response coin - Presented by whom -**
16 **Qualifications.**

17 The adjutant general may present an adjutant general coin to deserving individuals who
18 have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to the mission of the North Dakota
19 national guard or department of emergency services. The adjutant general may present a
20 disaster response coin to deserving individuals who have distinguished themselves through
21 exceptional service during times of disaster or emergency in the state.

22 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **37-01-09. Service medals.**

2 The commander in chief of the national guard of this state may issue an order providing
3 suitable service medals or ribbons or marks of distinction for all officers and enlisted
4 ~~men~~members who have served in the national guard for an aggregate period of five, ten, ~~fifteen,~~
5 ~~and twenty,~~ thirty, and forty years, respectively, and for a like service thereafter or for service on
6 active duty with the armed forces of the United States. Such service medals or ribbons may
7 also be awarded to any member of the armed forces of the United States who shall serve in an
8 active duty capacity with the North Dakota national guard for a period of two or more years.

9 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-01-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **37-01-10.1. North Dakota legion of merit medal - Presented by whom - Qualifications -**
12 **Regulations governing.**

13 The governor, in the name of the legislative assembly, may present a military medal known
14 as the "North Dakota legion of merit" to any member or former member of the North Dakota
15 national guard who, in the discharge of the person's military duty, has been distinguished by
16 outstanding service ~~and twenty years of duty~~ to the North Dakota national guard, and that
17 person's community, state, and nation. Such medal may also be awarded to a member or
18 former member of the armed forces of the United States or of the national guard of another
19 state who performs outstanding service for the guard of this state. The medal must bear a
20 suitable inscription and must be of military design as prescribed by the adjutant general. The
21 medal must be awarded by the board of awards in the same manner as prescribed in section
22 37-01-10.

23 **SECTION 5.** Section 37-01-10.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
24 as follows:

25 **37-01-10.2. North Dakota state flag - Presented by whom - Qualifications.**

26 A North Dakota state flag may be presented upon retirement to any member of the North
27 Dakota national guard upon the completion of twenty good years or more of military service.