



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 403**

**SENATE BILL NO. 541**

**By McNally, Gresham, Johnson, Barnes, Beavers, Bell, Berke, Burks, Campfield, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Ford, Harper, Henry, Herron, Kelsey, Ketron, Kyle, Marrero, Norris, Overbey, Roberts, Southerland, Stewart, Summerville, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Yager, Mr. Speaker Ramsey**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1019

By Ragan, Camper, Roach, Ford, Shipley, White, Butt, Powers, Curtis Johnson, Eldridge, Windle, Todd, Hall, Kevin Brooks, Dean, Bass, Harry Brooks, Cobb, Wirgau, Matheny, Womick, Holt, Don Miller, Pody, Gotto, Faison, Watson, Marsh, Rich, Sparks, Weaver, Hardaway, Sargent, Parkinson, Halford, Niceley, Alexander, Floyd, Evans, Fitzhugh, Ryan Williams, McManus, Elam, Tidwell, Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1 and Title 58, Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to establishing the Tennessee Medal of Honor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

58-3-113.

(a) A Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded on behalf of the people of the State of Tennessee to an individual serving on active duty who has been killed in action, while:

- (1) Engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;
- (2) Engaged in military support operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force;
- (3) Serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party; or
- (4) Serving in a combat zone as designated by presidential order.

(b) The recipient's name shall be entered on the medal's case of the Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal recipient.

(c) Individuals eligible to receive the Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal include all active duty military who are legal residents of the State of Tennessee.

(d) The Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal shall be awarded solely by the governor of the State of Tennessee or his designee to the immediate survivor of the recipient.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 21, 2011



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6 day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR