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Introduced by Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Canfield of Fair Haven,
and Grad of Moretown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Internal security and public safety; Vermont Veterans' Medal

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a
Vermont Veterans' Medal to be given to an individual who received a general
discharge under honorable conditions.

An act relating to the Vermont Veterans' Medal

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 1546 is amended to read:

§ 1546. VERMONT VETERANS' MEDAL

(a) ~~The office of veterans' affairs~~ Office of Veterans' Affairs may present
in the name of the ~~state~~ State of Vermont a veterans' medal, ribbon, lapel
button, and certificate to an individual or to the individual's spouse, child,
parent, sibling, or grandchild if the individual is deceased and the individual
meets the following eligibility criteria:

(1) ~~Completed~~ completed a minimum two-year tour of federal active
military duty, unless discharged for the convenience of the government or

1 retired from a reserve military component, and received ~~an honorable~~
2 ~~discharge~~, a discharge under honorable conditions, died before separating from
3 the federal active-duty military, or was declared missing in action by the
4 ~~United States~~ U.S. Department of Defense; or the individual is currently on
5 federal active military duty and in good standing with more than four years of
6 service; and

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8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.