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S.F. No. 1649 – Eligibility expansion for the post-9/11 veterans bonus program

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Section 1 197.79, subd 1 expands the definition of the term “resident veteran” for the purposes of the Veterans Bonus Program. Among other requirements, current law requires that Minnesota be the veteran’s home of record when entering active duty. This requirement is stricken.

Section 2 197.79, subd 2 adds the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal to the list of medals for which a veteran may receive a bonus. The Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal may be awarded to members of the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard for service in Iraq, Syria, or contiguous waters or airspace.

The sections in this bill are effective the day following final enactment.