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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would establish the Alabama Cold  
9 War Victory Medal Act of 2018.

10 This bill would authorize the Adjutant  
11 General of the Alabama National Guard to establish  
12 and award the Cold War Victory Medal to eligible  
13 members of the Alabama National Guard or armed  
14 forces.

15 This bill would establish criteria for the  
16 awarding of the Alabama Cold War Victory Medal to  
17 eligible members of the Alabama National Guard or  
18 armed forces.

19 This bill would provide that the Alabama  
20 Cold War Victory Medal could be awarded and worn  
21 until the establishment and authorization of a  
22 federal Cold War Medal award or its equivalent for  
23 members of the United States Armed Forces.

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25 A BILL  
26 TO BE ENTITLED  
27 AN ACT

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2           Relating to the National Guard; to establish the  
3 Alabama Cold War Victory Medal to be awarded to eligible  
4 members of the Alabama National Guard or armed forces; to  
5 authorize the Adjutant General to establish and award the  
6 Alabama Cold War Victory Medal to eligible members of the  
7 Alabama National Guard or armed forces; to establish criteria  
8 for the awarding of the Alabama Cold War Victory Medal; and to  
9 limit the authorization and wear of the award until the  
10 authorization of a federal Cold War Medal award or its  
11 equivalent.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13           Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited  
14 as the Alabama Cold War Victory Medal Act of 2018.

15           Section 2. (a) The Governor, in consultation with  
16 the Adjutant General of the Alabama National Guard, may adopt  
17 regulations and policies relating to the establishment and  
18 awarding of the Alabama Cold War Victory Medal.

19           (b) The Alabama Cold War Victory Medal shall be  
20 awarded to any member or former member of the armed forces of  
21 this state or of the United States who meets the following  
22 requirements:

23           (1) Served in the ranks of the armed forces between  
24 September 2, 1945, and December 26, 1991; and

25           (2) Was a resident of this state at the time he or  
26 she entered military service.

1                   (c) A person may be awarded only one Alabama Cold  
2 War Victory Medal for the entirety of the period of  
3 eligibility of the Cold War.

4                   (d) The design of the Alabama Cold War Victory Medal  
5 shall be selected from currently existing designs for similar  
6 Cold War awards available on the open market and shall be  
7 approved by the Adjutant General.

8                   (e) Only one design shall be selected and approved  
9 for the award and worn by any person authorized to wear the  
10 award under this act.

11                   (f) The Alabama Cold War Victory Medal shall be  
12 authorized to be awarded and for wear by members of the  
13 Alabama National Guard only during the period for which a  
14 federal Cold War Medal or its equivalent is not authorized to  
15 be awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces.

16                   (g) Upon the establishment and authorization of a  
17 federal Cold War Medal or its equivalent, the authorization  
18 for the Alabama award shall be rescinded and the federal award  
19 shall be awarded and worn in its place in accordance with the  
20 guidelines established for that award.

21                   Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
22 first day of the third month following its passage and  
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.