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HOUSE DRH50225-MD-28 (1/13)

Short Title: Wearing of Medals by Public Safety Personnel. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Martin.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE WEARING OF MILITARY MEDALS BY PUBLIC
3 SAFETY PERSONNEL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 7 of Chapter 165 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 165-44.01. Wearing of medals by public safety personnel.**

8 (a) Uniformed public safety officers may wear military service medals during the
9 business week prior to Veterans Day and Memorial Day, the day of Veterans Day and
10 Memorial Day, and the business day immediately following Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

11 (b) The employer of a uniformed public safety officer shall retain the right to prohibit
12 the wearing of military service medals pursuant to this subsection if the employer determines
13 that wearing the military service medals poses a safety hazard to the uniformed public safety
14 officer or to the public. Any prohibition under this subsection shall only be effective if adopted
15 after this section becomes law.

16 (c) This section shall be interpreted in accordance with all applicable federal laws and
17 regulations.

18 (d) The following definitions shall apply in this section:

19 (1) Military service medal. – Any medal, badge, or other decoration awarded by
20 the active or reserve components of the armed forces of the United States,
21 the North Carolina Air National Guard, or the North Carolina Army National
22 Guard to members of those forces.

23 (2) Public safety officer. – An employee of a public safety agency who is a law
24 enforcement officer, a firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel."

25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

