

Awards for Valour (Protection) Bill

[AS AMENDED IN PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE]

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TO

Prohibit the wearing of medals or insignia awarded for valour, with the intent to deceive.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Offence of wearing awards with intent to deceive

- (1) A person commits an offence if, with intent to deceive, the person wears—
- (a) an award specified in the Schedule, or
 - (b) something which has the appearance of being an award specified in the Schedule. 5
- (2) In this Act “award” includes anything representing an award, including in particular—
- (a) a miniature cross, medal or star;
 - (b) a ribbon;
 - (c) a bar; 10
 - (d) a rosette;
 - (e) an emblem.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction—
- (a) in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or a fine; 15
 - (b) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend the Schedule by— 20
- (a) adding awards to it;
 - (b) removing awards from it;

- (c) amending the description of awards specified in it.
 - (5) The regulations may add an award to the Schedule only if it is awarded in respect of—
 - (a) acts involving gallantry, or
 - (b) involvement in a campaign or operation entailing—
 - (i) the risk of danger to life from enemy action, and
 - (ii) a level of rigour significantly greater than might normally be expected in a non-operational environment.
 - (6) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument.
 - (7) Regulations under this section may include incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
 - (8) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- 2 Extent, commencement and short title**
- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
 - (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
 - (3) This Act may be cited as the Awards for Valour (Protection) Act 2017.

SCHEDULE

AWARDS

PART 1

GALLANTRY AWARDS

Victoria Cross	5
Distinguished Service Order	
Conspicuous Gallantry Cross	
Distinguished Service Cross	
Military Cross	
Distinguished Flying Cross	10
Air Force Cross	
Mention in Dispatches	
Queen's Commendation for Bravery	
Queen's Commendation for Bravery in the Air	
Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service	15
Distinguished Conduct Medal	
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	
Distinguished Service Medal	
Military Medal	
Distinguished Flying Medal	20
Air Force Medal	
George Cross	
George Medal	
Queen's Gallantry Medal	
Empire Gallantry Medal	25
Albert Medal	
Edward Medal	

PART 2

CAMPAIGN AWARDS

1914 Star	30
1914-15 Star	
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	
Arctic Star	
Air Crew Europe Star	35

Africa Star	
Pacific Star	
Burma Star	
Italy Star	
France and Germany Star	5
Korea Medal	
South Atlantic Medal	
Gulf Medal	
Iraq Medal	
Operational Service Medal (Sierra Leone)	10
Operational Service Medal (Afghanistan)	
Operational Service Medal (Congo)	
General Service Medal 1918-1962	
<i>Clasps:</i>	
South Persia	15
Kurdistan	
Iraq	
North West Persia	
Southern Desert, Iraq	
North Kurdistan	20
Palestine	
South East Asia 1945-46	
Bomb and Mine Clearance 1945-49	
Bomb and Mine Clearance 1945-56	
Palestine 1945-48	25
Berlin Airlift	
Malaya	
Canal Zone	
Cyprus	
Near East	30
Arabian Peninsula	
Brunei	
General Service Medal 1962-2007	
<i>Clasps:</i>	
Cyprus 1963-64	35
Borneo	
Radfan	
South Arabia	
Malay Peninsula	
South Vietnam	40
Northern Ireland	
Dhofar	
Lebanon	

India General Service Medal 1908-1935	
<i>Clasps:</i>	
Afghanistan North West Frontier 1919	
Waziristan 1919-21	
Mahsud 1919-20	5
Malabar 1921-22	
Waziristan 1921-24	
Waziristan 1925	
North West Frontier 1930-31	
Burma 1930-32	10
Mohmand 1933	
North West Frontier 1935	
India General Service Medal 1936-39	
<i>Clasps:</i>	
North West Frontier 1936-37	15
North West Frontier 1937-39	
British War Medal 1914-1920	
Victory Medal	
Territorial Force War Medal	
Defence Medal	20
War Medal 1939-45.	

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