
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
APRIL 26, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for duties of
3 department.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 702 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

8 § 702. Duties of department.

9 The department shall have the power and its duty shall be:

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11 (13) In consultation and cooperation with the United
12 States Department of Defense, to create, administer and
13 maintain a searchable database of individuals who have been
14 awarded the Medal of Honor as well as any other award or
15 decoration that is granted for heroic service in the armed
16 forces of the United States. The searchable database shall
17 include the following:

1 (i) The recipient's full name.

2 (ii) The recipient's dates of service.

3 (iii) The name of the award or decoration.

4 (iv) The date of award or decoration.

5 (14) Within one year of the effective date of this
6 paragraph, the department shall issue a report detailing the
7 feasibility of expanding the database established under
8 paragraph (13) of all military awards and decorations. The
9 report shall include an estimate of the costs to the
10 department associated with the establishment, administration
11 and maintenance of the expanded database under this
12 paragraph. The report shall be published on the department's
13 Internet website and shall be delivered to the Veterans'
14 Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate
15 and to the Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
16 Committee of the House of Representatives.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.