## MILITARY AND VETERANS CODE (51 PA.C.S.) - AUTHORIZED DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES AND AWARDS

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## AN ACT

Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in decorations, medals, badges and awards, further providing for authorized decorations, medals, badges and awards.

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

Section 1. Section 3701(b)(2) and (3) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read: § 3701. Authorized decorations, medals, badges and awards.

- (b) Method of award. -- The following decorations, medals, badges and awards will be awarded under the following conditions:
  - (2) The Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal shall be awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans [and], members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard or armed forces of the United States or their reserve components and civilians and members of the military of a friendly foreign nation in recognition of meritorious service beyond the normal dictates of duty to this Commonwealth.
  - (3) The Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal shall be awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans [and], members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard or the armed forces of the United States or their reserve components and civilians and members of the military of a friendly foreign nation in recognition of meritorious service rendered this Commonwealth and while holding a position of great responsibility or who provide meritorious service to veterans and their families on behalf of this Commonwealth.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED--The 23rd day of October, A.D. 2023.

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