

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 158

Sponsor: SENATOR STEFANO

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "officers"  
2 , for medals honoring fire personnel and for medals honoring  
3 emergency medical services personnel

4 Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out "a subchapter"  
5 and inserting

6 subchapters

7 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 20 and 21

8 SUBCHAPTER G

9 MEDALS HONORING FIRE PERSONNEL

10 Sec.

11 2194. Establishment of program.

12 2195. Medal procedure.

13 2196. Form of medals.

14 § 2194. Establishment of program.

15 A program is established for the Governor to recognize and  
16 decorate fire personnel in this Commonwealth who have  
17 demonstrated bravery, sacrifice or other exceptionally  
18 meritorious conduct in the line of duty. The State Fire  
19 Commissioner shall assist the Governor in the administration of  
20 the program by establishing the qualifications, protocol and  
21 other rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
22 subchapter.

23 § 2195. Medal procedure.

24 (a) Nominees.--A member of a fire company may be nominated  
25 for a medal under this subchapter.

26 (b) Application.--An application that nominates a member of  
27 a fire company for a medal may be submitted to the State Fire  
28 Commissioner by the Governor, a member of the General Assembly  
29 or the chief executive of a municipality or fire company.

30 (c) Review and issuance of medals.--The State Fire  
31 Commissioner shall review an application's veracity and  
32 conformance to the criteria of the program and notify the  
33 Governor of the applications that are in compliance. The final  
34 decision to issue a medal under this subchapter shall rest with  
35 the Governor. The Governor may delegate to the Lieutenant

1 Governor or a member of the General Assembly the act of  
2 presenting a medal.  
3 § 2196. Form of medals.  
4 (a) General rule.--The medals authorized under the program  
5 shall be in the following forms:  
6 (1) Red Star of Valor, which may be awarded to members  
7 of a fire company who have shown exceptional gallantry,  
8 heroism and bravery in the face of life-threatening  
9 circumstances above and beyond the call of duty.  
10 (2) Red Heart, which may be issued to members of a fire  
11 company injured in the line of duty.  
12 (3) Medal of Ultimate Sacrifice, which shall be issued  
13 posthumously to members of a fire company who have fallen in  
14 the line of duty.  
15 (b) Design.--The design of each medal shall be approved by  
16 the State Fire Commissioner. Each medal shall be cast in bronze  
17 or other metal, and the design shall incorporate the seal of the  
18 Commonwealth.  
19 (c) Cost.--The cost of a medal shall be paid by the fire  
20 company by which the member of the fire company is or was  
21 employed or volunteered. The family of a medal recipient may  
22 request a second medal and may receive the medal upon payment to  
23 the Office of the State Fire Commissioner of the cost of the  
24 medal.  
25 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
26 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
27 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:  
28 "Fire company." A volunteer fire company, a municipal fire  
29 company or a combined volunteer and municipal fire company  
30 located in this Commonwealth.

31 SUBCHAPTER H  
32 MEDALS HONORING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL  
33 Sec.  
34 2197. Establishment of program.  
35 2198. Medal procedure.  
36 2199. Form of medals.  
37 § 2197. Establishment of program.  
38 A program is established for the Governor to recognize and  
39 decorate emergency medical services personnel in this  
40 Commonwealth who have demonstrated bravery, sacrifice or other  
41 exceptionally meritorious conduct in the line of duty. The  
42 director shall assist the Governor in the administration of the  
43 program by establishing the qualifications, protocol and other  
44 rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.  
45 The director may consult with the Pennsylvania Emergency Health  
46 Services Council to aid in carrying out the purposes of this  
47 subchapter.  
48 § 2198. Medal procedure.  
49 (a) Nominees.--A member of an emergency medical services  
50 agency may be nominated for a medal under this subchapter.  
51 (b) Application.--An application that nominates a member of

1 an emergency medical services agency for a medal may be  
2 submitted to the director by the Governor, a member of the  
3 General Assembly or the chief executive of a municipality or  
4 emergency medical services agency.

5 (c) Review and issuance of medals.--The director shall  
6 review an application's veracity and conformance to the criteria  
7 of the program and notify the Governor of the applications that  
8 are in compliance. The final decision to issue a medal under  
9 this subchapter shall rest with the Governor. The Governor may  
10 delegate to the Lieutenant Governor or a member of the General  
11 Assembly the act of presenting a medal.

12 § 2199. Form of medals.

13 (a) General rule.--The medals authorized under the program  
14 shall be in the following forms:

15 (1) Star of Life, which may be awarded to members of an  
16 emergency medical services agency who have shown exceptional  
17 gallantry, heroism and bravery in the face of life-  
18 threatening circumstances above and beyond the call of duty.

19 (2) White Heart, which may be issued to members of an  
20 emergency medical services agency injured in the line of  
21 duty.

22 (3) Medal of Ultimate Sacrifice, which shall be issued  
23 posthumously to members of an emergency medical services  
24 agency who have fallen in the line of duty.

25 (b) Design.--The design of each medal shall be approved by  
26 the director. Each medal shall be cast in bronze or other metal,  
27 and the design shall incorporate the seal of the Commonwealth.

28 (c) Cost.--The cost of a medal shall be paid by the  
29 emergency medical services agency by which the member of the  
30 emergency medical services agency is or was employed or  
31 volunteered. The family of a medal recipient may request a  
32 second medal and may receive the medal upon payment to the  
33 Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health  
34 of the cost of the medal.

35 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
36 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
37 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

38 "Director." The Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical  
39 Services of the Department of Health.

40 "Emergency medical services agency." As defined in 35  
41 Pa.C.S. § 8103 (relating to definitions).