

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1016 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, COLLETT AND STEFANO, JANUARY 12, 2022

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JANUARY 12, 2022

AN ACT

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

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

7 Section 1. Section 3701(b) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 3701. Authorized decorations, medals, badges and awards.

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11 (b) Method of award.--The following decorations, medals,
12 badges and awards will be awarded under the following
13 conditions:

14 (1) The Pennsylvania Cross for Valor shall be awarded by
15 the Governor to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard,
16 Pennsylvania Guard or the armed forces of the United States
17 or their reserve components for acts of bravery or valor
18 above the ordinary gallantry of other members of the
19 services.

1 (2) The Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal shall
2 be awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans [and],
3 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania
4 Guard or armed forces of the United States or their reserve
5 components and civilians and members of the military of a
6 friendly foreign nation in recognition of meritorious service
7 beyond the normal dictates of duty to this Commonwealth.

8 (3) The Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal shall be
9 awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans [and], members
10 of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard or the
11 armed forces of the United States or their reserve components
12 and civilians and members of the military of a friendly
13 foreign nation in recognition of meritorious service rendered
14 this Commonwealth and while holding a position of great
15 responsibility or who provide meritorious service to veterans
16 and their families on behalf of this Commonwealth.

17 (4) The qualifications for awarding the Pennsylvania
18 Commendation Medal, the Pennsylvania Achievement Medal, the
19 Pennsylvania Veterans Service Award, the State Medal for
20 Federal Service during any war, the Service Ribbon or Medal
21 for active State service during an emergency, the
22 Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Medal, the Major General
23 Thomas R. White, Jr. Medal, the General Thomas J. Stewart
24 Medal, the Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement
25 Award, and the Marksmanship Medals or Badges, shall be
26 prescribed by the Adjutant General by regulation or
27 guideline.

28 (5) The Adjutant General is empowered to establish such
29 other decorations, medals, badges and awards as he may
30 prescribe by regulation or guideline.

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2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.