

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).