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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, NOVEMBER 30, 2015

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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 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

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

10 (a) General rule.--The following decorations, medals, badges  
11 and awards are authorized to be presented by the Governor in the  
12 name of the Commonwealth:

- 13 (1) Pennsylvania Cross for Valor.  
14 (2) Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal.  
15 (3) Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal.  
16 (4) Pennsylvania Commendation Medal.

- 1           (4.1) Pennsylvania Achievement Medal.  
2           (5) State Medal for Federal Service during any war.  
3           (6) Pennsylvania Service Ribbon or Medal for active  
4 State service during an emergency.  
5           (7) Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Medal.  
6           (8) Major General Thomas R. White, Jr. Medal.  
7           (9) General Thomas J. Stewart Medal.  
8           (10) Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement  
9 Award.  
10           (11) Marksmanship Medals or Badges.  
11           (12) Pennsylvania Veterans Service Award.

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

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

21           (2) The Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal shall  
22 be awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans and members  
23 of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard or  
24 armed forces of the United States or their reserve components  
25 in recognition of meritorious service beyond the normal  
26 dictates of duty to this Commonwealth.

27           (3) The Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal shall be  
28 awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans and members of  
29 the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard or the  
30 armed forces of the United States or their reserve components

1 in recognition of meritorious service rendered this  
2 Commonwealth and while holding a position of great  
3 responsibility or who provide meritorious service to veterans  
4 and their families on behalf of this Commonwealth.

5 (4) The qualifications for awarding the Pennsylvania  
6 Commendation Medal, the Pennsylvania Achievement Medal, the  
7 Pennsylvania Veterans Service Award, the State Medal for  
8 Federal Service during any war, the Service Ribbon or Medal  
9 for active State service during an emergency, the  
10 Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Medal, the Major General  
11 Thomas R. White, Jr. Medal, the General Thomas J. Stewart  
12 Medal, the Pennsylvania Outstanding Aeronautical Achievement  
13 Award, and the Marksmanship Medals or Badges, shall be  
14 prescribed by the Adjutant General by regulation.

15 (5) The Adjutant General is empowered to establish such  
16 other decorations, medals, badges and awards as he may  
17 prescribe by regulation.

18 (c) Recommendations for medals.--All recommendations for  
19 decorations, medals, badges and awards, except those of the  
20 Governor, must be forwarded to the Governor through the  
21 department.

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