

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1727 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY SACCONI, READSHAW, BAKER, MURT, D. COSTA, MILLARD, DRISCOLL, RAPP, PHILLIPS-HILL, KAUFFMAN, GROVE, VEREB, MAJOR, WARD, COHEN, TOPPER, DeLUCA, JOZWIAK, MALONEY, STAATS, DAVIS, GINGRICH, HELM, KLUNK, MARSICO, B. MILLER, BRADFORD, BARRAR, SAINATO, MCGINNIS, KORTZ, MARSHALL, R. BROWN AND DUSH, NOVEMBER 30, 2015

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DECEMBER 13, 2015

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 AND FOR SPECIFICATIONS. <--

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 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 3701 AND 3702 OF TITLE 51 OF THE <--
10 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

11 § 3701. Authorized decorations, medals, badges and awards.

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

- 15 (1) Pennsylvania Cross for Valor.
16 (2) Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal.

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

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

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

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

29 (3) The Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal shall be
30 awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans and members of

1 the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard or the
2 armed forces of the United States or their reserve components
3 in recognition of meritorious service rendered this
4 Commonwealth and while holding a position of great
5 responsibility or who provide meritorious service to veterans
6 and their families on behalf of this Commonwealth.

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

18 (5) The Adjutant General is empowered to establish such
19 other decorations, medals, badges and awards as he may
20 prescribe by regulation OR GUIDELINE. <--

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

25 § 3702. SPECIFICATIONS. <--

26 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SHALL PRESCRIBE THE DETAILED
27 SPECIFICATIONS AND DESIGN FOR SAID DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES
28 AND AWARDS, AND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCURE THOSE ITEMS IN THE
29 PRESCRIBED MANNER. THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SHALL ISSUE APPROPRIATE
30 RULES [AND], REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE WEARING OF SAID

1 DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES AND AWARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
2 CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD.

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