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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, NOVEMBER 23, 2021

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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(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

1 services.

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

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

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

29 (5) The Adjutant General is empowered to establish such  
30 other decorations, medals, badges and awards as he may

1       prescribe by regulation or guideline.

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3       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.