
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1450 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DONAHUE, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, DELLOSO,
PIELLI, HOHENSTEIN, HADDOCK AND MALAGARI, JUNE 20, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 20, 2023

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)(2) and (3) of Title 51 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are 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:

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15 (2) The Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal shall
16 be awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans [and],
17 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania
18 Guard or armed forces of the United States or their reserve

1 components and civilians and members of the military of a
2 friendly foreign nation in recognition of meritorious service
3 beyond the normal dictates of duty to this Commonwealth.

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

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.