

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1992

An act relating to the Medal of Heroism; providing that designated persons are eligible to receive the Medal of Heroism; providing for application to the Governor; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) The Governor may award a Medal of Heroism of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer, as defined in section 943.10(14), Florida Statutes; a firefighter, as defined in section 112.191(1)(b), Florida Statutes; an emergency medical technician, as defined in section 401.23(11), Florida Statutes; or a paramedic, as defined in section 401.23(17), Florida Statutes. A recipient must have distinguished himself or herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity; must have risked his or her life deliberately above and beyond the call of duty while performing duty in his or her respective position; and must have engaged in hazardous or perilous activities to preserve lives with the knowledge that such activities might result in great personal harm.

(2) A candidate or person seeking to nominate a candidate for the award must make written application to the Governor. The Governor may refer an application to any public or private entity for advice and recommendations regarding the application.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved by the Governor May 27, 2003.

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