

# HOUSE BILL No. 1142

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-19-13.5.

**Synopsis:** Hoosier first responder medal of self-sacrifice. Establishes the Hoosier first responder medal of self-sacrifice (medal) for an Indiana first responder killed or seriously injured in the line of duty (Indiana first responder). Provides that the department of homeland security (department) is responsible for the design, adoption, and procurement of the medal. Provides that a public safety agency may submit to the department a nomination of an Indiana first responder to be awarded a medal. Provides that, upon approval of a nomination, the department shall notify the governor of the nomination. Provides that the governor may award the medal to the Indiana first responder or the Indiana first responder's next of kin at a public ceremony.

**Effective:** July 1, 2024.

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January 8, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-19-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2024]:  
4 **Chapter 13.5. Hoosier First Responder Medal of Self-Sacrifice**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "Indiana first responder" has the**  
6 **meaning set forth in IC 10-10.5-1-2.**  
7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "medal" refers to the Hoosier**  
8 **first responder medal of self-sacrifice adopted by the department**  
9 **under section 4 of this chapter.**  
10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "public safety agency" has the**  
11 **meaning set forth in IC 10-10.5-1-5.**  
12 **Sec. 4. (a) The department shall design and adopt a Hoosier first**  
13 **responder medal of self-sacrifice to be awarded to Indiana first**  
14 **responders who have been killed or seriously injured in the line of**  
15 **duty.**  
16 **(b) The department shall procure the medals to be awarded by**  
17 **the governor under section 6 of this chapter.**



1           **Sec. 5. (a) A public safety agency may nominate an Indiana first**  
2 **responder who has been killed or seriously injured in the line of**  
3 **duty by submitting an application to the department, in a manner**  
4 **prescribed by the department.**  
5           **(b) Upon receipt of the nomination, the department may**  
6 **approve the nomination in a manner prescribed by the**  
7 **department.**  
8           **(c) Upon approval of a nomination by the department, the**  
9 **department shall notify the governor of the nomination and**  
10 **provide a medal to be awarded under section 6 of this chapter.**  
11           **Sec. 6. The governor may award the medal to the Indiana first**  
12 **responder or the Indiana first responder's next of kin at a public**  
13 **ceremony at a time and place prescribed by the governor.**

