



HOUSE BILL 387: Medal of Valor Award for First Responders.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	December 18, 2023
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Analysis of:	S.L. 2023-94		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2023-94 creates the Medal of Valor Award for first responders, authorizing the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to each award no more than two Medal of Valor Awards to first responders each calendar year. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor can each award a third Medal of Valor Award to a first responder under special circumstances.*

The act became effective July 10, 2023.

BILL ANALYSIS:

S.L. 2023-94 does the following:

- Authorizes the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, upon recommendation from the highest-ranking official or member of a first responder unit, to each award no more than two Medal of Valor Awards to first responders each calendar year for great acts of heroism while under threat of personal risk to safety, beyond the call of duty in the field. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor can each award a third Medal of Valor Award to a first responder under special circumstances.
- Defines "first responder" to include any firefighter, paramedic, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services personnel, or rescue squad member.
- Requires the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to each maintain an internet accessible link and application form on a State website that includes information on the Medal of Valor Award and allows nominations to be submitted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act became effective July 10, 2023.

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