



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

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

2023-2024 General Assembly

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| Committee: | House State Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | Date: | April 6, 2023 |
| Introduced by: | Rep. Miller | Prepared by: | Kellette Wade Committee Counsel |
| Analysis of: | PCS to First Edition H387-CSBW-7 [v.3] | | |

OVERVIEW: *The PCS for House Bill 387 creates the Medal of Valor Award and would do the following:*

- *Change the short title of the bill from "Medal of Valor Award for Emer. Responders." to "Medal of Valor Award for First Responders."*
- *Authorize 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 may each award a third Medal of Valor Award to a first responder under special circumstances.*
- *Authorize the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to each award no more than one Medal of Valor Award to one first responder unit, once each calendar year.*
- *Define "first responder" to include any firefighter, paramedic, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services personnel, or rescue squad member.*
- *Require 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.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S359, as introduced by Sens. Sanderson, B. Newton, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when it becomes law.

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