



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

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	June 27, 2023
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 387 would create the Medal of Valor Award for first responders.*

[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.]

## BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 387 would do the following:

- 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 one Medal of Valor Award to one first responder unit 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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