

By Senator Argenziano

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Medal of Heroism;
providing that designated persons are eligible
to receive the Medal of Heroism; 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 law enforcement or corrections officers, as defined in
section 943.10(14), Florida Statutes, firefighters, as defined
in section 112.191(1)(b), Florida Statutes, emergency medical
technicians, as defined in section 401.23(11), Florida
Statutes, or paramedics, as defined in section 401.23(17),
Florida Statutes, who have distinguished themselves
conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity and who risk their
lives deliberately, above and beyond the call of duty, while:

- (a) Performing duty in their respective positions.
- (b) Engaging in hazardous or perilous activities to
preserve lives, with the knowledge that such activities might
result in great personal harm.

(2) The candidates or persons seeking to nominate
candidates for the award must make written application to the
Governor. The Governor may refer applications to the Florida
Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of Community
Affairs, or to a private association for advice and
recommendations regarding the applications.

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