By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;
and Senator Argenziano

302-2047-03

1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to the Medal of Heroism;

3   providing that designated persons are eligible

4   to receive the Medal of Heroism; providing for

5   application to the Governor; providing an

6   effective date.

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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10   Section 1. (1) The Governor may award a Medal of

11 Heroism of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances,

12 to a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation

13 officer, as defined in section 943.10(14), Florida Statutes; a

14 firefighter, as defined in section 112.191(1)(b), Florida

15 Statutes; an emergency medical technician, as defined in

16 section 401.23(11), Florida Statutes; or a paramedic, as

17 defined in section 401.23(17), Florida Statutes. A recipient

18 must have distinguished himself or herself conspicuously by

19 gallantry and intrepidity; must have risked his or her life

20 deliberately above and beyond the call of duty while

21 performing duty in his or her respective position; and must

22 have engaged in hazardous or perilous activities to preserve

23 lives with the knowledge that such activities might result in

24 great personal harm.

25   (2) A candidate or person seeking to nominate a

26 candidate for the award must make written application to the

27 Governor. The Governor may refer an application to any public

28 or private entity for advice and recommendations regarding the

29 application.

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

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1   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
                     COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
2   <u>Senate Bill 1992</u>

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4   Corrects technical deficiencies and provides that the Governor
    may seek advice regarding medal candidates from all public
5   entities, rather than only the Florida Department of Law
    Enforcement and the Department of Community Affairs.

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