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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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