

By Senator Crist

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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 an
5 effective date.

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

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9 Section 1. (1) The Governor may award a medal of
10 heroism of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances,
11 to law enforcement officers, corrections officers, or
12 correctional probation officers as defined in section
13 943.10(14), Florida Statutes, firefighters, as defined in
14 section 112.191(1)(b), Florida Statutes, emergency medical
15 technicians, as defined in section 401.23, Florida Statutes,
16 or paramedics, as defined in section 401.23, Florida Statutes,
17 who have distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry
18 and intrepidity and have risked their lives deliberately,
19 above and beyond the call of duty, while:

20 (a) Performing duty in their respective positions; and
21 (b) Engaging in hazardous or perilous activities to
22 preserve lives, with the knowledge that such activities might
23 result in great personal harm to themselves.

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

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

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