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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 s. 943.10(14), Florida Statutes, firefighters, as defined in s. 112.191(1)(b), Florida Statutes, emergency medical technicians, as defined in s. 401.23(11), Florida Statutes, or paramedics, as defined in s. 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.