
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 141 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, COLLETT AND STEFANO, JANUARY 9, 2023

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JANUARY 9, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in decorations, medals, badges and
3 awards, further providing for authorized decorations, medals,
4 badges and awards.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 3701(b)(2) and (3) of Title 51 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 3701. Authorized decorations, medals, badges and awards.

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11 (b) Method of award.--The following decorations, medals,
12 badges and awards will be awarded under the following
13 conditions:

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15 (2) The Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal shall
16 be awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans [and],
17 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania
18 Guard or armed forces of the United States or their reserve
19 components and civilians and members of the military of a

1 friendly foreign nation in recognition of meritorious service
2 beyond the normal dictates of duty to this Commonwealth.

3 (3) The Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal shall be
4 awarded by the Governor to civilians, veterans [and], members
5 of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Pennsylvania Guard or the
6 armed forces of the United States or their reserve components
7 and civilians and members of the military of a friendly
8 foreign nation in recognition of meritorious service rendered
9 this Commonwealth and while holding a position of great
10 responsibility or who provide meritorious service to veterans
11 and their families on behalf of this Commonwealth.

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13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.