



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4135



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CREATING THE CIVILIAN MEDAL OF HONOR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Emergency Services and Public Protection is authorized to award the
3 civilian medal of honor, in accordance with the provisions of
4 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, directly or posthumously to any
5 citizen of the state in recognition of a valorous and heroic deed
6 performed in saving a life or for injury or death or threat of injury or
7 death incurred in the service of the state or such citizen's community
8 or on behalf of the health, welfare or safety of other persons.

9 (b) Recommendations for the civilian medal of honor may be
10 submitted to the commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by
11 the commissioner, by any member of the public. The commissioner
12 shall forward such recommendations to a selection board consisting of
13 members appointed as follows: One member appointed by the
14 Governor, two members appointed by the Commissioner of
15 Emergency Services and Public Protection, one member appointed by
16 the president pro tempore of the Senate, one member appointed by the

17 speaker of the House of Representatives, one member appointed by
18 the majority leader of the Senate, one member appointed by the
19 minority leader of the Senate, one member appointed by the majority
20 leader of the House of Representatives and one member appointed by
21 the minority leader of the House of Representatives. The board
22 member selected by the Governor shall act as chairperson of the
23 selection board and shall call meetings of the selection board, which
24 shall occur at least once each calendar year.

25 (c) The selection board shall review recommendations for the
26 civilian medal of honor submitted by the public and shall select
27 nominees for such medal, giving due consideration to the criteria
28 described in subsection (a) of this section. The commissioner shall
29 review the selection board's nominations and award the civilian medal
30 of honor to any such nominee whom the commissioner deems
31 deserving.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To honor Connecticut citizens who perform a valorous and heroic deed.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]