



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 800

Senate, March 7, 2019

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. MARONEY of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MEDAL OF MERIT FOR CIVILIANS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) The Adjutant General and
2 two officers of field grade or above, appointed by the Adjutant
3 General, shall constitute a board of officers to receive
4 recommendations through military or civilian channels for the award
5 of the civilian medal of merit to any person, except civilian employees
6 of the armed forces, military personnel of the armed forces or
7 contractors of the armed forces, who has distinguished himself or
8 herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct that contributes
9 significantly to the accomplishment of the armed forces' mission, and
10 to make such awards as the board finds suitable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
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VA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Military Dept.	GF - Cost	20,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill establishes a civilian medal of merit and results in a cost to the state of approximately \$20,000 in FY 20. The cost includes the medal design and manufacturing of 500 medal sets. It's anticipated that approximately 50 medal sets will be awarded per year.

The Out Years

When the initial 500 medals have been awarded there will be a cost to order another set. It's anticipated that the initial set of medals will last for a minimum of ten years.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 800*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MEDAL OF MERIT FOR CIVILIANS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a civilian medal of merit for civilians (except the armed forces' civilian employees, military personnel, or contractors) who have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct that contributes significantly to accomplishing the armed forces' mission.

The bill creates a board of officers that is responsible for making awards, as it finds suitable from recommendations received through military or civilian channels. The board is comprised of the Adjutant General (i.e., head of the state's Military Department) and two officers of field grade or above that he appoints.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (02/19/2019)