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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 19-55—SB 800

Veterans' Affairs Committee

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MEDAL OF MERIT FOR CIVILIANS

SUMMARY: This act establishes a civilian medal of merit for those (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 act creates a board of officers that is responsible for making awards, within available appropriations, 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