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 two officers of field grade or above, appointed by the Adjutant General, shall constitute a board of officers to receive recommendations through military or civilian channels for the award of the civilian medal of merit to any person, except civilian employees of the armed forces, military personnel of the armed forces or contractors of the armed forces, who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct that contributes significantly to the accomplishment of the armed forces' mission, and to make such awards as the board finds suitable.

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

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