



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 950

SENATE BILL NO. 1691

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, relative to the three stars of Tennessee award.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the General Assembly to recognize the heroic and brave sacrifices of peace officers, firefighters, and medical first responders who were either killed or suffered a career ending injury in the line of duty; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

4-1-501.

(a) This part shall be known as the "Three Stars of Tennessee Award;"

(b) The award shall consist of a plaque and a medal;

(c) The governor or the governor's designee shall present a three stars of Tennessee award to each recipient or surviving next of kin during a public ceremony held on, or as near as practicable to, September 11 of each year; and

(d) The three stars of Tennessee award shall be selected and administered by the homeland security council created by Executive Order No. 8 of 2003, within the department of safety.

4-1-502.

(a) A three stars of Tennessee award shall be awarded to:

(1) A peace officer who suffers a career ending injury in the line of duty;

(2) The surviving next of kin of a peace officer who is killed or sustains a fatal injury in the line of duty;

(3) A federal law enforcement officer or special agent who suffers a career ending injury in the line of duty assisting a state or local law enforcement agency; or

(4) The surviving next of kin of a federal law enforcement officer or special agent who sustains a fatal injury while assisting a state or local law enforcement agency in this state.

(b) Any person who has personal knowledge of a peace officer who was killed or suffered a career ending injury in the line of duty, or a federal law enforcement officer or special agent who was killed or suffered a career ending injury assisting a state or local law enforcement agency in this state, may submit that information in writing to the council.

(c) As used in this section, "peace officer" means an officer, employee or agent of government who has a duty imposed by law to maintain public order, make arrests for offenses, whether that duty extends to all offenses or is limited to specific offenses including laws and regulations pertaining to the forests of this state; and investigate the commission or suspected commission of offenses.

4-1-503.

(a) A three stars of Tennessee award shall be awarded to:

(1) A firefighter who suffers a career ending injury in the line of duty; or

(2) The surviving next of kin of a firefighter who is killed or sustains a fatal injury in the line of duty.

(b) Any person who has personal knowledge of a firefighter who, in the line of duty was killed or suffered a career ending injury may submit that information in writing to the council.

(c) As used in this section, "firefighter" means any full-time, part-time, or volunteer firefighter hired or accepted as firefighter by a fire department recognized under Title 68, Chapter 102, Part 3 and meets the minimum training requirements of § 4-24-112.

4-1-504.

(a) A three stars of Tennessee award shall be awarded to:

(1) A medical first responder who suffered a career ending injury in the line of duty; or

(2) The surviving next of kin of a medical first responder who is killed or sustains a fatal injury in the line of duty.

(b) Any person who has personal knowledge of a medical first responder who was killed or suffered a career ending injury in the line of duty may submit that information in writing to the council.

(c) As used in this section, "medical first responder" means emergency services personnel or other person who responds to calls for emergency medical assistance from a 911 call.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 16, 2014



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of May 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR