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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1122

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY TO AWARD A MEDAL, RIBBON, OR DECORATION TO A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA; TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESENTATION OF AN AWARD TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND GROUPS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY TO AWARD A MEDAL, RIBBON, OR DECORATION TO A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESENTATION OF AN AWARD TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND GROUPS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-61-121(a), concerning the award of medals, ribbons, or decorations, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Governor ~~is authorized to~~ may award in the name of the State of Arkansas ~~any a~~ medal, ribbon, or decoration for ~~any~~ exceptional or meritorious service rendered by ~~any a~~ member of the organized militia, including without limitation the:

~~(2) These include, but are not limited to,~~

(A) the “Arkansas Commendation Medal”;

(B) the “Arkansas Distinguished Service Medal”; and

(C) the “Arkansas Star of Honor”.

(2) The Governor or Adjutant General may award in the name of



the State of Arkansas an:

(A) Honorary award to a civilian employee of the Arkansas National Guard in recognition of his or her noteworthy accomplishments, including without limitation the:

(i) "Arkansas Distinguished Civilian Service Medal";

(ii) "Arkansas Meritorious Civilian Service Medal";

(iii) "Arkansas Civilian Service Commendation Medal"; and

(iv) "Arkansas Civilian Service Achievement Medal";

and

(B) Award for public service to a person or organization who is not employed by the Arkansas National Guard, including without limitation the:

(i) "Arkansas Distinguished Public Service Medal";

(ii) "Arkansas Meritorious Public Service Medal"; or

(iii) "Arkansas Public Service Commendation Medal".

(3) The Department of the Military ~~is authorized to~~ may promulgate necessary rules to establish the criteria under which ~~any~~ a medal, ribbon, or decoration may be awarded.

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