WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1965

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HOUSE BILL No. 838

(By Mr. )

PASSED March 12, 1965

In Effect 90 days from Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
JOSEPH F. BURDOTT
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3-18-65
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(By Mr. Frazer and Mr. Mentz)

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AN ACT to amend article one-g, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto three new sections, designated section twelve, section thirteen, and section fourteen, relating to the establishment of an emergency service medal and a state commendation medal and the conditions for their award.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article one-g, chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto three new sections, designated section twelve, section thirteen, and section fourteen, to read as follows:
Article 1-g. Service Medals.

Section 12. Emergency Service Medal.—Any member of the national guard of this state who shall serve in the active military service of the state in the aid of civil authorities in upholding the law and preserving order, protecting lives and property, in the aid and relief of citizens in disaster, or other similar service, duly ordered by the governor, or who shall honorably serve for thirty days in the armed forces of the United States as a member of the national guard of this state called or ordered to service therein by the President of the United States, shall, upon recommendation of the military board of the state of West Virginia, be awarded by the order of the governor and furnished at the expense of the state an emergency service medal, the design, precedence, and procurement of which shall be as ordered by the military board and approved by the governor.

Sec. 13. State Commendation Medal.—When any person shall perform especially meritorious public service or achievement or display exceptional bravery of a character sufficient to justify award of the West Virginia disting-
uished service medal, he may upon recommendation of any state, county, or municipal elected official, be awarded by the order of the governor and furnished at the expense of the state a state commendation medal, the design, precedence, and procurement of which shall be as ordered by the governor. This medal shall not be awarded to more than one hundred and thirty-four civilians in any one calendar year."

Sec. 14. Multiple Awards of the Emergency Service Medal and the State Commendation Medal.—In the event any person shall render service or perform acts entitling him to the award of the West Virginia emergency service medal or state commendation medal, and the award of such medal has theretofore been made to him, he shall for each subsequent award be entitled to wear on the ribbon of the medal, and on the ribbon bar denoting ownership of such medal a miniature gold mountain laurel blossom.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.
Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 18 day of March, 1965.

Governor