## WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

**REGULAR SESSION, 1965** 

## ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 538

(By Mr. Frager and Mrs. Menty)

PASSED Much 12, 1965
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## ENROLLED House Bill No. 838

(By Mr. Frazer and Mr. Mentz)

[Passed March 12, 1965; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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 2 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, 10 11 shall, upon recommendation of the military board of the state of West Virginia, be awarded by the order of the 12 governor and furnished at the expense of the state an 13 emergency service medal, the design, precedence, and 14 procurement of which shall be as ordered by the military 15 16 board and approved by the governor.

Sec. 13. State Commendation Medal.—When any per2 son shall perform especially meritorious public service or
3 achievement or display exceptional bravery of a character
4 sufficient to justify award of the West Virginia disting-

- 5 uished service medal, he may upon recommendation of
- 6 any state, county, or municipal elected official, be
- 7 awarded by the order of the governor and furnished at
- 8 the expense of the state a state commendation medal, the
- 9 design, precedence, and procurement of which shall be
- 10 as ordered by the governor. This medal shall not be
- 11 awarded to more than one hundred and thirty-four civil-
- 12 ians in any one calendar year."
  - Sec. 14. Multiple Awards of the Emergency Service
- 2 Medal and the State Commendation Medal.—In the event
- 3 any person shall render service or perform acts entitling
- 4 him to the award of the West Virginia emergency service
- 5 medal or state commendation medal, and the award of
- 6 such medal has theretofore been made to him, he shall
- 7 for each subsequent award be entitled to wear on the
- 8 ribbon of the medal, and on the ribbon bar denoting
- 9 ownership of such medal a miniature gold mountain
- 10 laurel blossom.

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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
Naward Clarson
President of the Senate
Speaker House of Delegates
The within approved this the 18
day of March, 1965.
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Governor