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1 AN ACT Relating to law enforcement officers who die in the line of  
2 duty; and adding a new chapter to Title 41 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** There is established a decoration of the  
5 state law enforcement medal of honor with accompanying ribbons and  
6 appurtenances for award by the governor in the name of the state to any  
7 law enforcement officer who has been seriously injured or killed while  
8 in the performance of duty, or who has been distinguished by  
9 exceptionally meritorious conduct, upon nomination of the governor's  
10 state law enforcement medal of honor committee.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is created the state law enforcement  
12 medal of honor committee for nominating candidates for the award of the  
13 state law enforcement medal of honor. The committee membership  
14 consists of a representative from the governors office, the Washington  
15 state law enforcement association, the Washington state council of  
16 police officers, the Washington association of sheriffs and police  
17 chiefs, and the Washington state troopers association. The attorney  
18 general shall serve as chair of the committee and shall designate a

1 secretary for the committee. The committee shall meet not less than  
2 semiannually to consider candidates for nomination. The committee  
3 shall adopt rules establishing the qualifications for the state law  
4 enforcement medal of honor, the protocol governing the decoration, and  
5 the appurtenances necessary to the implementation of this chapter.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The state law enforcement medal of honor  
7 shall be awarded to recipients during the national law enforcement  
8 recognition week. The governor may delegate the awarding of the medal  
9 to the lieutenant governor or the attorney general.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state law enforcement medal of honor may  
11 be awarded posthumously to be presented to the representative of the  
12 deceased as may be deemed appropriate by the governor or the designees  
13 specified in section 3 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The decoration of the state law enforcement  
15 medal of honor shall be bronze and shall consist of a police shield  
16 overlaid by a sheriffs star with the seal of the state of Washington in  
17 the center and the words "law enforcement medal of honor" within the  
18 design and suspended from a ring attached by either a navy blue ribbon  
19 with a gold edge or a green ribbon with a gold edge. Such color choice  
20 shall be the recipient's. The reverse of the decoration shall be  
21 inscribed with the words "For exceptionally honorable and meritorious  
22 conduct in performing services as a law enforcement officer."

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall  
24 constitute a new chapter in Title 41 RCW.

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