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SENATE BILL 5035

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By Senators Pearson, Kohl-Welles, Hatfield, and Liias; by request of Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to the medal of valor; amending RCW 1.60.010,  
2 1.60.020, and 1.60.030; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 1.60.010 and 2000 c 224 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 There is established a decoration of the state medal of valor  
7 with accompanying certificate, ribbons, and appurtenances for award  
8 by the governor, in the name of the state, to any person or group of  
9 persons who has or have saved, or attempted to save, the life of  
10 another at the risk of serious injury or death to himself or herself,  
11 upon the selection of the governor's state medal of valor committee.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.60.020 and 2000 c 224 s 2 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 There is created the state medal of valor committee for selecting  
15 honorees for the award of the state medal of valor. The committee  
16 membership consists of the governor, president of the senate, speaker  
17 of the house of representatives, and the chief justice of the supreme  
18 court, or their designees. The secretary of state shall serve as a  
19 nonvoting ex officio member, and shall serve as secretary to the  
20 committee. The committee shall meet annually to consider candidates

1 for this award. Any individual may nominate any resident or group of  
2 residents of this state for any act of valor covered by this section.  
3 The committee shall adopt rules establishing the qualifications for  
4 the state medal of valor, the protocol governing the decoration, the  
5 certificate, and appurtenances necessary to the implementation of  
6 this chapter.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 1.60.030 and 2000 c 224 s 3 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) The award will be presented by the governor of the state of  
10 Washington to the recipient or recipients only during a joint session  
11 of both houses of the legislature.

12 (2) If the governor is unable to present the award due to the  
13 disability or illness of the governor, the governor may delegate the  
14 presenting of the award to the president of the senate, the speaker  
15 of the house of representatives, or the chief justice of the supreme  
16 court.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
19 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
20 effect immediately.

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