



FACT SHEET- SB 20-082 UPDATE STATE AWARDS

BOTTOM LINE: This bill would make needed changes to some state military awards, remove outdated awards, and add a new award.

What does this bill do?

This bill would amend:

- CRS 28-3-1203 to allow any person supporting the DMVA to be eligible to receive a Meritorious Service Medal.
- CRS 28-3-1204 to allow any person not in military with 10 years of service to the Department to be eligible for the Active Service Medal.
- CRS 28-3-1205 to clarify who can receive a lapel button.

This proposal would repeal:

- CRS 28-3-1201 by removing the Long Service Medal.
- CRS 28-3-1208 Noncommissioned officer/soldier/airman of the year ribbon.
- CRS 28-3-1214 State mobilization support ribbon.
- CRS 28-3-1216 Command tour ribbon.

This proposal would add:

- CRS 28-3-1204.5 by creating a Colorado Legion of Merit Medal. Any member or the DMVA to include the Colorado National Guard who has served in a position of senior leadership or command with exceptional, unprecedented, or superior manner is eligible for this medal.

Why is this legislation necessary?

Each state provide military awards specific to that state's National Guard. In Colorado those military awards are codified in statue. This bill will remove outdated awards that are duplicative of existing federal awards. Additionally, the bill will add a new award Colorado Legion of Merit Medal (see design below). This award serves as recognition for outstanding service to the Department but is not limited to uniformed members, allowing the Department to recognize civilian employees and state military partners (Jordan and Slovenia).

Design proposal: State of Colorado Legion of Merit State Award Medal
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