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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1122

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY TO  
10 AWARD A MEDAL, RIBBON, OR DECORATION TO A MEMBER OF  
11 THE ORGANIZED MILITIA; TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESENTATION  
12 OF AN AWARD TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND GROUPS; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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20 TO CERTAIN PERSONS AND GROUPS.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-61-121(a), concerning the award of  
27 medals, ribbons, or decorations, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a)(1) The Governor ~~is authorized to~~ may award in the name of the  
29 State of Arkansas ~~any a~~ medal, ribbon, or decoration for ~~any~~ exceptional or  
30 meritorious service rendered by ~~any a~~ member of the organized militia, ~~and~~  
31 including without limitation the:

32 ~~(2) These include, but are not limited to,~~

33 (A) the “Arkansas Commendation Medal”;

34 (B) the “Arkansas Distinguished Service Medal”; and

35 (C) the “Arkansas Star of Honor”.

36 (2) The Governor or Adjutant General may award in the name of



1 the State of Arkansas an:

2 (A) Honorary award to a civilian employee of the Arkansas  
3 National Guard in recognition of his or her noteworthy accomplishments,  
4 including without limitation the:

5 (i) "Arkansas Distinguished Civilian Service Medal";

6 (ii) "Arkansas Meritorious Civilian Service Medal";

7 (iii) "Arkansas Civilian Service Commendation  
8 Medal"; and

9 (iv) "Arkansas Civilian Service Achievement Medal";

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11 (B) Award for public service to a person or organization  
12 who is not employed by the Arkansas National Guard, including without  
13 limitation the:

14 (i) "Arkansas Distinguished Public Service Medal";

15 (ii) "Arkansas Meritorious Public Service Medal"; or

16 (iii) "Arkansas Public Service Commendation Medal".

17 (3) The Department of the Military ~~is authorized to~~ may  
18 promulgate necessary rules to establish the criteria under which ~~any~~ a medal,  
19 ribbon, or decoration may be awarded.

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21 /s/M. Berry  
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