

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force that can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the armed forces of the United States. The Texas Legislative Medal of Honor (Texas Honor) is awarded to a member of the state military forces who voluntarily performs a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice involving risk of life that is so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the person for gallantry and intrepidity above the person's comrades. Since the creation of the Texas Honor in 1987, there has been one such medal awarded. This bill would authorize recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor to also receive the Texas Honor.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3425 sets forth eligibility requirements for the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 431.131, Government Code, to authorize the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to be awarded to any person who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.