

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB222

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Stolle

3. Committee Passed both Houses

4. Title Commonwealth Medal of Valor

5. Summary/Purpose:

Establishes the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor as the highest award for a public safety officer conferred by the Commonwealth. The Governor may select up to three recipients for the award annually. Establishes the Medal of Valor Review Board in the executive branch to recommend to the Governor any public safety officers to receive the medal of valor. The amended bill removes language specifying that members of the board shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	0	0	--
2002-03	\$4,726	0	GF
2003-04	\$2,226	0	GF

6b. Revenue Impact: None

7. Budget amendment necessary: Unknown. It is not clear from the bill if any existing agency would be responsible for staffing the new Medal of Valor Review Board and if costs could be absorbed within the existing resources of that agency.

8. Fiscal implications: Implementing this bill would require:

- Up-front costs to design the new Medal of Valor (estimated at \$2,000). These expenses would occur in FY2003.
- Up-front costs to manufacture sufficient quantity of the medals to last for about five years, which would be more economical in the long run than manufacturing each year only the three to be awarded that year). This cost is estimated at about \$500. These expenses would occur in FY2003.
- Annual expenses for reimbursement of expenses of the members of the Medal of Valor Review Board, estimated at a maximum of \$2,226 (assuming that all seven members of the board require overnight accommodation for two meetings per year). These expenses

would occur in FY2003 and annually thereafter. [Note, The amended bill removes the language that specifies that members of the board shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses. However, section 2.2 -2825 states that all persons conducting state business may be reimbursed for actual expenses, which applies in this case.)

- 9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Public safety officers eligible to receive the award include state and local police officers, state correctional officers, state juvenile correctional officers, local or regional jail officers, local fire or rescue squad officers, arson investigators, Virginia National Guard members, Virginia State Defense Force members, special agents of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, State Lottery Department of Department of Motor Vehicles, conservation officers of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, game wardens

10. Technical amendment necessary: no

11. Other comments: none

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety