

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 9.1-800 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Commonwealth Public*  
3 *Safety Medal of Valor; dispatchers.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 9.1-800 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 9.1-800. Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor.**

9 There is hereby established the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor. The Governor may  
10 award and present the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor, of appropriate design with ribbons  
11 and appurtenances, to a Virginia public safety officer, *dispatcher as defined in § 56-484.16:1, or*  
12 *dispatcher employed by the Department of State Police* for performance above and beyond the call of  
13 duty involving extraordinary valor in the face of grave danger, at great personal risk. The public safety  
14 officer, *dispatcher as defined in § 56-484.16:1, or dispatcher employed by the Department of State*  
15 *Police* shall have exhibited uncommon valor, which clearly distinguishes the officer as performing above  
16 and beyond normal job requirements. The Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor shall be the  
17 highest award for valor by a public safety officer, *dispatcher as defined in § 56-484.16:1, or dispatcher*  
18 *employed by the Department of State Police* conferred by the Commonwealth. The Governor may select  
19 no more than three recipients for the Commonwealth Public Safety Medal of Valor award each year,  
20 unless the Governor determines that extraordinary circumstances warrant the selection of additional  
21 recipients.

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