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INITIATIVE 335

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 335 to the Legislature is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

AN ACT Relating to the medal of valor; amending RCW 1.60.050; and creating a new section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Sec. 1. RCW 1.60.050 and 2000 c 224 s 5 are amended to read as follows:

The Washington State Medal of Valor is awarded to a public safety officer or U.S. citizen who has exhibited exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind, and unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her own personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life. This act is deemed to be above and beyond the call of duty.

For the purpose of this award, a public safety officer is defined as a person serving a public agency, with or without compensation, as a firefighter, law enforcement officer, or emergency services officer. The term "law enforcement officer" includes a person who is a corrections or court officer or a civil defense officer.

However, the state medal of valor may be awarded to any active or retired member of the United States armed forces, or a member of the United States listed as killed in action, missing in action, prisoner of war, or injured in the line of duty.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act applies retroactively to March 13, 2000.

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