

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 22, 2012

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1400

By: Brinkley of the Senate

4 and

5 Derby of the House

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8 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of  
9 Bravery; providing for the awarding of the Oklahoma  
10 Legislative Badge of Bravery; requiring certain  
11 proof; specifying eligibility for the Oklahoma  
12 Legislative Badge of Bravery; creating certain  
13 nominating committee; directing certain concurrent  
14 resolution; specifying certain time; providing for  
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 466 of Title 74, unless there is  
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery shall be awarded  
21 to a member of any branch of a state, county, municipal, school or  
22 tribal law enforcement agency, firefighter unit, or other emergency  
23 responder unit who has voluntarily performed a deed of personal  
24 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 peers.

1 B. The Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery shall only be  
2 awarded upon incontestable proof of performance of the deed.

3 C. To be eligible for the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of  
4 Bravery, a person shall:

5 1. Be employed by any state, county, municipal, school, or  
6 tribal law enforcement agency, firefighter unit, or other emergency  
7 responder unit in this state and have acted while either on or off  
8 duty at the time of the act of bravery; and

9 2. Be nominated during a regular session of the Oklahoma  
10 Legislature by a majority vote of the members of the Oklahoma  
11 Legislative Badge of Bravery Nominating Committee, which shall  
12 consist of:

13 a. the Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor's  
14 designee,

15 b. the Speaker of the House of Representatives or  
16 designee,

17 c. the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or designee,  
18 and

19 d. the chair of the standing committee in the House of  
20 Representatives and the chair of the standing  
21 committee in the Senate with primary jurisdiction over  
22 public safety.

23 D. The Oklahoma Legislature, by concurrent resolution, may  
24 direct the Governor to award the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of

1 Bravery to a person nominated by the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of  
2 Bravery Nominating Committee. The committee chairs serving on the  
3 Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery Nominating Committee shall  
4 jointly prepare a concurrent resolution directing the Governor to  
5 award the Oklahoma Legislative Badge of Bravery to a nominee.

6 E. The Oklahoma Legislature shall only direct the Oklahoma  
7 Legislative Badge of Bravery to be awarded during a regular session.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 2-9-12 - DO  
10 PASS, As Coauthored.

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