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§ 5-901. ANNUAL AWARDS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

For the official recognition of outstanding acts in the line of duty by the members of the Police, Fire, and Corrections Departments of the District of Columbia there shall be awarded annually 1 gold medal and 1 or more silver medals, appropriately inscribed, to those members of each Department who have by outstanding or conspicuous services earned such awards.

(Mar. 4, 1929, 45 Stat. 1556, ch. 696, § 1; July 24, 1956, 70 Stat. 627, ch. 685, § 1; June 29, 1984, D.C. Law 5-94, § 2(b), 31 DCR 2549.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 4-701.

1973 Ed., § 4-701.

Legislative History of Laws

Law 5-94, the "Correctional Officers Meritorious Service Recognition Amendment Act of 1984," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 5-342, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on April 10, 1984, and April 30, 1984, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on May 9, 1984, it was assigned Act No. 5-135 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

§ 5-902. COMMITTEE TO MAKE AWARDS.[REPEALED]

(Mar. 4, 1929, 45 Stat. 1556, ch. 696, § 2; June 29, 1984, D.C. Law 5-94, § 2(b), 31 DCR 2549; Apr. 29, 1998, D.C. Law 12-86, § 401(e), 45 DCR 1172.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 4-702.

1973 Ed., § 4-702.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 5-94, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 5-901.

Law 12-86, the "Omnibus Regulatory Reform Amendment Act of 1998," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 12-458, which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and the Environment and the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on December 19, 1997, and January 6, 1998, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on January 21, 1998, it was assigned Act No. 12-256 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 12-86 became effective on April 29, 1998.

Change in Government

This section originated at a time when local government powers were delegated to a Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia (see Acts Relating to the Establishment of the District of Columbia and its Various Forms of Governmental Organization in Volume 1). Section 401 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1967 (see Reorganization Plans in Volume 1) transferred all of the functions of the Board of Commissioners under this section to a single Commissioner. The District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, 87 Stat. 818, § 711 (D.C. Code, § 1-207.11), abolished the District of Columbia Council and the Office of Commissioner of the District of Columbia. These branches of government

were replaced by the Council of the District of Columbia and the Office of Mayor of the District of Columbia, respectively. Accordingly, and also pursuant to § 714(a) of such Act (D.C. Code, § 1-207.14(a)), appropriate changes in terminology were made in this section.

§ 5-903. PREFERENCE IN PROMOTIONS.

When promotions are being made in the Departments, the holders of such medals shall be preferred to other members of said Departments, other things being equal.

(Mar. 4, 1929, 45 Stat. 1556, ch. 696, § 3.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 4-703.

1973 Ed., § 4-703.

§ 5-904. APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED.

To provide for the cost of such medals there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually such sum as the Mayor of the District of Columbia may deem necessary for the purpose.

(Mar. 4, 1929, 45 Stat. 1557, ch. 696, § 4.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 4-704.

1973 Ed., § 4-704.

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