

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act creating the North Star Medal."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 44.09 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 44.09.095. North Star Medal.** (a) The governor is authorized to award
5 the North Star Medal directly or posthumously to any peace officer, firefighter, first
6 responder, or member of a volunteer search and rescue group who dies or is seriously
7 injured in the line of duty and has displayed exceptional bravery or heroism while
8 performing those duties.

9 (b) The governor shall present recipients of the North Star Medal with a
10 ribbon, medal, and citation during a ceremony that may not take place more than once
11 a year. The North Star Medal will be awarded to the recipient or, in the event the
12 recipient is no longer living, to the recipient's next of kin.

13 (c) Nominations for the North Star Medal must be submitted to the
14 commissioner of public safety by the highest ranking supervisor in the department or
15 organization of the nominee. After reviewing the nominations, the commissioner of

1 public safety shall submit the name or names of persons recommended for the North
2 Star Medal to the governor for approval.