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**SB 20-082**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Hisey; Todd Rep. Landgraf; Lontine	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AWARDS

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:** **No fiscal impact.** This bill modifies the types of military awards given by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, modifies eligibility criteria, and removes redundant medals and awards. The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

This bill concerns medals and decorations awarded by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). Specifically, the bill:

- creates the Colorado Legion of Merit Medal, awarded to any individual who renders service in a clearly exceptional or unprecedented manner to the DMVA (i.e., the Colorado National Guard);
- modifies the eligibility criteria for awarding certain military awards; and
- repeals awards that are duplicative of other DMVA or federal awards.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Military awards given by the DMVA range in price from about \$1.80 for ribbons, \$6.00 for patches, and up to \$10.00 for medals and crests. The DMVA buys these products in bulk every 3 to 5 years. Currently, the DMVA has a stock of ribbons and patches that is unlikely to be exhausted in the next two fiscal years. The expenditure for these products is absorbed in the budget in the year in which the purchase is made; however, this does not appear as a separate budget request or line item expenditure. Since no new purchases are expected in FY 2020-21 or FY 2021-22, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 20, 2020, and it took effect on September 14, 2020.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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