

§ 15231. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Federal agency head

The term “Federal agency head” means the head of any executive, legislative, or judicial branch Government entity that employs Federal law enforcement officers.

(2) Federal Board

The term “Federal Board” means the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board established under section 15243(a) of this title.

(3) Federal Board members

The term “Federal Board members” means the members of the Federal Board appointed under section 15243(c) of this title.

(4) Federal Law Enforcement Badge

The term “Federal Law Enforcement Badge” means the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery described in section 15241 of this title.

(5) Federal law enforcement officer

The term “Federal law enforcement officer”—

(A) means a Federal employee—

(i) who has statutory authority to make arrests or apprehensions;

(ii) who is authorized by the agency of the employee to carry firearms; and

(iii) whose duties are primarily—

(I) engagement in or supervision of the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law; or

(II) the protection of Federal, State, local, or foreign government officials against threats to personal safety; and

(B) includes a law enforcement officer employed by the Amtrak Police Department or Federal Reserve.

(6) Office

The term “Office” means the Congressional Badge of Bravery Office established under section 15261(a) of this title.

(7) State and Local Board

The term “State and Local Board” means the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board established under section 15253(a) of this title.

(8) State and Local Board members

The term “State and Local Board members” means the members of the State and Local Board appointed under section 15253(c) of this title.

(9) State and Local Law Enforcement Badge

The term “State and Local Law Enforcement Badge” means the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery described in section 15251 of this title.

(10) State or local agency head

The term “State or local agency head” means the head of any executive, legislative, or judicial branch entity of a State or local

government that employs State or local law enforcement officers.

(11) State or local law enforcement officer

The term “State or local law enforcement officer” means an employee of a State or local government—

(A) who has statutory authority to make arrests or apprehensions;

(B) who is authorized by the agency of the employee to carry firearms; and

(C) whose duties are primarily—

(i) engagement in or supervision of the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law; or

(ii) the protection of Federal, State, local, or foreign government officials against threats to personal safety.

(Pub. L. 110-298, §2, July 31, 2008, 122 Stat. 2985.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 110-298, §1, July 31, 2008, 122 Stat. 2985, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008’.”

SUBCHAPTER I—FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONGRESSIONAL BADGE OF BRAVERY

§ 15241. Authorization of a Badge

The Attorney General may award, and a Member of Congress or the Attorney General may present, in the name of Congress a Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery to a Federal law enforcement officer who is cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of the Federal Board, for performing an act of bravery while in the line of duty.

(Pub. L. 110-298, title I, §101, July 31, 2008, 122 Stat. 2986.)

§ 15242. Nominations**(a) In general**

A Federal agency head may nominate for a Federal Law Enforcement Badge an individual—

(1) who is a Federal law enforcement officer working within the agency of the Federal agency head making the nomination; and

(2) who—

(A)(i) sustained a physical injury while—

(I) engaged in the lawful duties of the individual; and

(II) performing an act characterized as bravery by the Federal agency head making the nomination; and

(ii) put the individual at personal risk when the injury described in clause (i) occurred; or

(B) while not injured, performed an act characterized as bravery by the Federal agency head making the nomination that placed the individual at risk of serious physical injury or death.

(b) Contents

A nomination under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a written narrative, of not more than 2 pages, describing the circumstances under