

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, the 78th Legislature established the Star of Texas Award to honor the sacrifices made by peace officers, firefighters, and emergency first-responders who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

H.B. 1164 requires the Star of Texas Award to be awarded to federal law enforcement officers or special agents who are seriously injured while performing duties in this state to assist state or local law enforcement agencies. This bill also requires the officer's next of kin to be awarded the Star of Texas if the officer is killed while performing duties as a law enforcement officer.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 3106.002(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Requires the Peace Officers' Star of Texas Award to be awarded to certain persons, including each federal law enforcement officer or special agent who is seriously injured while performing duties in this state to assist a state or local law enforcement agency, and to the surviving next of kin of each federal law enforcement officer or special agent who is killed or sustains a fatal injury while performing duties in this state to assist a state or local law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 3106.007, Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.