

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2675
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note the loss of an admired civic leader with the passing of Jack Ward, who during his distinguished career served many meaningful roles in the Kilgore community. H.B. 2675 seeks to honor Mr. Ward by designating a portion of State Highway 31 in Gregg County as the Jack Ward Memorial Highway.

H.B. 2675 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 31 in Gregg County as the Jack Ward Memorial Highway.

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 Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.123, as follows:

Sec. 225.123. JACK WARD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of State Highway 31 in Gregg County between its intersection with the Smith County line and State Highway 42 is designated as the Jack Ward Memorial Highway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made), to:

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Jack Ward Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and
- (2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.