

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 381
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There have been calls to include on the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Monument the names of individuals killed in the line of duty who were classified as trainees and acting within the scope of their employment for the state or a political subdivision of the state. H.B. 381 seeks to provide for this inclusion, thereby providing closure and support to the surviving families of these individuals.

H.B. 381 amends current law relating to eligibility for the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Monument.

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 3105.003(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that a person is eligible to have the person's name on the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial monument if the person was killed in the line of duty and was:

(1) makes no changes to this subdivision;

(2)–(3) makes nonsubstantive changes to these subdivisions; or

(4) employed by this state or a political subdivision of this state and considered by the person's employer to be a trainee for a position described by Subdivision (1), (2), or (3).

SECTION 2. (a) Provides that Section 3105.003(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies to the eligibility of a person who was killed in the line of duty before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) Requires the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to reconsider a nomination to have a person's name added to the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Monument under Section 3105.0035 (Nominations; Addition of Names to Monument), Government Code, if the person was determined to be ineligible before the effective date of this Act and the person may be eligible under Section 3105.003(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.