

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3644
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There are numerous monuments decorating the grounds of the State Capitol in Austin that honor groups such as the Texas National Guard, volunteer firemen, and peace officers. However, it has been noted that there is currently no monument on the capitol grounds dedicated to emergency medical services (EMS) personnel. H.B. 3644 seeks to memorialize these public servants who have died in the line of duty, such as Mike Howard of Leon County, and provide a place for their families to honor them, by authorizing the State Preservation Board to establish an appropriate memorial monument on the capitol grounds dedicated to EMS personnel in Texas.

H.B. 3644 amends current law relating to the establishment of a memorial monument dedicated to emergency medical services personnel on the Capitol grounds.

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 Chapter 443, Government Code, by adding Section 443.01527, as follows:

Sec. 443.01527. MEMORIAL MONUMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL. Authorizes the State Preservation Board (SPB) to approve and establish an appropriate memorial monument on the State Capitol grounds dedicated to emergency medical services personnel, as defined by Section 773.003 (Definitions), Health and Safety Code, in this state. Authorizes SPB to only use private contributions made for a purpose related to the memorial monument to create, establish, and perpetually maintain the monument.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.