

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3672
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 3672 seeks to honor the following peace officers who died while on duty by designating portions of the state highway system as memorial highways in their names:

- Trooper Russell Lynn Boyd, who was shot and killed when stopping a subject for a traffic violation;
- Ranger Stanley K. Guffey, who was shot and killed while trying to rescue a kidnapped two-year-old girl;
- Trooper Milton Alexander, who died of injuries when his patrol car was rammed by a stolen vehicle;
- Trooper Ernesto Alanis, who was killed after being struck by a drunk driver during a traffic stop;
- Trooper Hollis S. Lacy, who was killed in an automobile accident while in pursuit of a traffic violator;
- Trooper Howard Jordan, who was weighing a truck when he was struck and killed by another passing vehicle;
- Trooper William Kohlleppel, who was killed in the line of duty in 1985;
- Trooper Mark Frederick, who was killed in the line of duty in 1976; and
- Patrolman Billy D. Howry, who was killed in the line of duty in 1972.

H.B. 3672 amends current law relating to the designation of portions of the state highway system as memorial highways for certain deceased peace officers.

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 225.092(a), Transportation Code, to provide that the portion of Business U.S. Highway 281-S in the municipal limits of Premont, rather than Highway 281 in Jim Wells County between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 716 and its intersection with County Road 422, notwithstanding Section 225.001(c) (relating to authorizing a part of the highway system, including a bridge or street, to be designated by the name of a person only if the person is deceased and meets certain criteria), is designated as the Lt. General Marc Cisneros Highway.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Sections 225.217, 225.218, 225.219, 225.220, 225.221, 225.222, 225.223, 225.224, and 225.225, as follows:

Sec. 225.217. TROOPER RUSSELL LYNN BOYD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of State Highway 159 in the municipal limits of Hempstead is designated as the Trooper Russell Lynn Boyd Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(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 cover the cost), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Russell Lynn Boyd 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.

Sec. 225.218. RANGER STANLEY K. GUFFEY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 87 in the municipal limits of Brady is designated as the Ranger Stanley K. Guffey Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires TxDOT, subject to Section 225.021(c), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Ranger Stanley K. Guffey 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.

Sec. 225.219. TROOPER MILTON ALEXANDER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of Interstate Highway 35 in the municipal limits of Hillsboro is designated as the Trooper Milton Alexander Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires TxDOT, subject to Section 225.021(c), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Milton Alexander 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.

Sec. 225.220. TROOPER ERNESTO ALANIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of Interstate Highway 2 in the municipal limits of McAllen is designated as the Trooper Ernesto Alanis Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires TxDOT, subject to Section 225.021(c), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Ernesto Alanis 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.

Sec. 225.221. TROOPER HOLLIS S. LACY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 377 in the municipal limits of Denton is designated as the Trooper Hollis S. Lacy Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires TxDOT, subject to Section 225.021(c), to:

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Hollis S. Lacy 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.

Sec. 225.222. TROOPER HOWARD JORDAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 67 in the municipal limits of Texarkana is designated as the Trooper Howard Jordan Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires TxDOT, subject to Section 225.021(c), to:

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Howard Jordan 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.

Sec. 225.223. TROOPER MARK FREDERICK MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of eastbound Interstate Highway 10 in Austin County between mile marker 712 and mile marker 726 is designated as the Trooper Mark Frederick Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires TxDOT, subject to Section 225.021(c), to:

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Mark Frederick 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.

Sec. 225.224. TROOPER WILLIAM KOHLLEPPEL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of westbound Interstate Highway 10 in Austin County between mile marker 712 and mile marker 726 is designated as the Trooper William Kohlleppel Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires TxDOT, subject to Section 225.021(c), to:

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper William Kohlleppel 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.

Sec. 225.225. PATROLMAN BILLY D. HOWRY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of Interstate Highway 35 in Williamson County between mile marker 268 and mile marker 272 is designated as the Patrolman Billy D. Howry Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires TxDOT, subject to Section 225.021(c), to:

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Patrolman Billy D. Howry 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 3. Effective date: September 1, 2023.