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H.B. No. 3512

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to highway memorial signs for certain deceased peace officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 6, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Chapter 227 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 227. STATE TROOPER HIGHWAY MEMORIAL SIGNS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 227.001. GENERAL PROVISIONS. (a) The department shall design, construct, repair, and replace each memorial sign required by this chapter and maintain the grounds for the memorial sign.

(b) The department shall accept a grant or donation made to assist in financing the construction and maintenance of a memorial sign.

(c) The department may not design, construct, or erect a memorial sign under this chapter unless a grant or donation of funds is made to the department to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the memorial sign.

(d) Money received under Subsection (b) shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

Sec. 227.002. NUMBER OF SIGNS. For each memorial sign required under this chapter, the department may place one or more signs in the location provided for that sign.

1 Sec. 227.003. DEPARTMENT CHANGES TO SIGNS. The department
2 in coordination with the Department of Public Safety may make
3 nonsubstantive changes regarding the appropriate name and
4 appearance of a memorial sign under this chapter.

5 SUBCHAPTER B. MEMORIAL SIGNS

6 Sec. 227.051. TROOPER MOISES SANCHEZ. On or near the
7 portion of Interstate Highway 69C in Hidalgo County between its
8 intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1925 and its intersection
9 with Trenton Road, the department shall place a memorial sign in
10 honor of Trooper Moises Sanchez.

11 Sec. 227.052. TROOPER TROY HOGUE. On or near the portion of
12 Interstate Highway 20 in Howard County between mile marker 173 and
13 mile marker 190, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor
14 of Trooper Troy Hogue.

15 Sec. 227.053. CORPORAL WILLIE DALE TAYLOR. On or near the
16 portion of Interstate Highway 10 in Crockett County between mile
17 marker 363 and mile marker 368, the department shall place a
18 memorial sign in honor of Corporal Willie Dale Taylor.

19 Sec. 227.054. TROOPER JAVIER ARANA JR. On or near the
20 portion of State Highway Loop 375 in El Paso County between mile
21 marker 41 and mile marker 44, the department shall place a memorial
22 sign in honor of Trooper Javier Arana Jr.

23 Sec. 227.055. SERGEANT WILLIAM J. KUHNLE JR. AND TROOPER
24 RALPH G. ZERDA. On or near the portion of United States Highway 90
25 in Bexar County between its intersection with State Highway 211 and
26 its intersection with Montgomery Road, the department shall place a
27 memorial sign in honor of Sergeant William J. Kuhnle Jr. and Trooper

1 Ralph G. Zerda.

2 Sec. 227.056. TROOPER RICHARD DALE COTTLE. On or near the
3 portion of Interstate Highway 35 in McLennan County between mile
4 marker 341 and mile marker 351, the department shall place a
5 memorial sign in honor of Trooper Richard Dale Cottle.

6 Sec. 227.057. TROOPER TIMOTHY WADE MCDERMOTT. On or near
7 the portion of United States Highway 80 in Gregg and Harrison
8 Counties between its intersection with United States Highway 259
9 and its intersection with State Loop 281, the department shall
10 place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Timothy Wade McDermott.

11 Sec. 227.058. TROOPER MARK JEFFREY PHEBUS. On or near the
12 portion of Farm-to-Market Road 1774 in Montgomery County between
13 its intersection with Misty Meadow Drive and its intersection with
14 Hunters Road, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of
15 Trooper Mark Jeffrey Phebus.

16 Sec. 227.059. TROOPER DAVID IRVINE RUCKER. On or near the
17 portion of State Highway 100 in Cameron County between its
18 intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 523 and its intersection with
19 Farm-to-Market Road 3069, the department shall place a memorial
20 sign in honor of Trooper David Irvine Rucker.

21 Sec. 227.060. TROOPER CHAD M. WALKER. At or near the
22 intersection of State Highway 164 and Farm-to-Market Road 1953 in
23 Limestone County, the department shall place a memorial sign in
24 honor of Trooper Chad M. Walker.

25 Sec. 227.061. TROOPER DANIEL HIGDON. At or near mile marker
26 571 of Interstate Highway 20 in Smith County, the department shall
27 place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Daniel Higdon.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.