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H.B. No. 1164

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the presentation of Star of Texas awards to federal law  
3 enforcement officers and special agents who are killed or sustain  
4 serious or fatal injuries while assisting state or local law  
5 enforcement agencies in this state.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 3106.002(a), Government Code, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 (a) The Peace Officers' Star of Texas Award shall be awarded  
10 to:

11 (1) each peace officer who is seriously injured in the  
12 line of duty;

13 (2) [~~and~~] the surviving next of kin of each peace  
14 officer who is killed or sustains a fatal injury in the line of  
15 duty;

16 (3) each federal law enforcement officer or special  
17 agent who is seriously injured while performing duties in this  
18 state to assist a state or local law enforcement agency; and

19 (4) the surviving next of kin of each federal law  
20 enforcement officer or special agent who is killed or sustains a  
21 fatal injury while performing duties in this state to assist a state  
22 or local law enforcement agency.

23 SECTION 2. Section 3106.007, Government Code, is amended to  
24 read as follows:

1           Sec. 3106.007. RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD. Any person who  
2 has personal knowledge that a peace officer, firefighter, or  
3 emergency medical first responder has been killed or seriously  
4 injured in the line of duty, or that a federal law enforcement  
5 officer or special agent has been killed or seriously injured while  
6 performing duties in this state to assist a state or local law  
7 enforcement agency, may submit that information in writing to a  
8 committee under this chapter.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.