

1-1 By: Gallego (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 1164
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2007;
1-3 April 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Government Organization; April 24, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 24, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the presentation of Star of Texas awards to federal law
1-9 enforcement officers and special agents who are killed or sustain
1-10 serious or fatal injuries while assisting state or local law
1-11 enforcement agencies in this state.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 3106.002(a), Government Code, is amended
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 (a) The Peace Officers' Star of Texas Award shall be awarded
1-16 to:

1-17 (1) each peace officer who is seriously injured in the
1-18 line of duty;

1-19 (2) ~~and~~ the surviving next of kin of each peace
1-20 officer who is killed or sustains a fatal injury in the line of
1-21 duty;

1-22 (3) each federal law enforcement officer or special
1-23 agent who is seriously injured while performing duties in this
1-24 state to assist a state or local law enforcement agency; and

1-25 (4) the surviving next of kin of each federal law
1-26 enforcement officer or special agent who is killed or sustains a
1-27 fatal injury while performing duties in this state to assist a state
1-28 or local law enforcement agency.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 3106.007, Government Code, is amended to
1-30 read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 3106.007. RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD. Any person who
1-32 has personal knowledge that a peace officer, firefighter, or
1-33 emergency medical first responder has been killed or seriously
1-34 injured in the line of duty, or that a federal law enforcement
1-35 officer or special agent has been killed or seriously injured while
1-36 performing duties in this state to assist a state or local law
1-37 enforcement agency, may submit that information in writing to a
1-38 committee under this chapter.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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