

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Texans lost a valuable member of the law enforcement community with the death of Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper Randall "Randy" Vetter. Trooper Vetter was a native of New Braunfels, graduated from Canyon High School in 1990 as valedictorian, and graduated in May 1994 from St. Edward's University, where he majored in criminal justice and minored in psychology. He was in DPS class B, which graduated in 1995. He was stationed in Brownsville until August 1996 when he transferred to New Braunfels, and then to San Marcos in 2000. He was shot while on duty on August 3, 2000, and died on August 7, 2000, at the age of 28. He is survived by his wife and son. H.B. 250 seeks to honor Trooper Randall "Randy" Vetter and his memory with a fitting tribute to his selfless service and contributions to Texas.

H.B. 250 amends the Transportation Code to designate a portion of Interstate Highway 35 between River Ridge Parkway and Farm-to-Market Road 150 in Hays County as the Trooper Randy Vetter Memorial Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Randy Vetter Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

No fiscal implication to the state is anticipated. Based on the information provided by TxDOT, it is assumed any duties associated with the implementation of the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

H.B. 250 amends current law relating to the designation of a segment of Interstate Highway 35 as the Trooper Randy Vetter Memorial Highway.

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 Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.091, as follows:

Sec. 225.091. TROOPER RANDY VETTER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Designates the portion of Interstate Highway 35 between River Ridge Parkway and Farm-to-Market Road 150 in Hays County as the Trooper Randy Vetter Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to requiring that money received under a certain subsection be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund), to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Troop Randy Vetter Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information, and erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.