

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1238
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

State law currently allows the legislature to assign a memorial to a portion of the highway system. State Trooper Bobby Steve Booth was killed in the line of duty while serving Texas. H.B. 1238 seeks to publicly honor his life and service by designating a portion of a highway in Sherman and Dallam Counties as a memorial to Trooper Booth.

H.B. 1238 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of United States Highway 287 between the northern corporate limits of the City of Stratford and the Texas-Oklahoma border as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth Memorial Highway, in addition to any other designation. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth 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.

H.B. 1238 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 287 in Sherman and Dallam Counties as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth 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 BOBBY STEVE BOOTH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Designates the portion of U.S. Highway 287 between the northern corporate limits of the City of Stratford and the Texas-Oklahoma border as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth 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) (Providing that TxDOT is not required to design, construct, or erect a marker under Subchapter B (Specific State Highway Names) unless a grant or donation of funds is made to TxDOT to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the marker), to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth 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.