

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2818
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties commend the valiant World War II service of U.S. Navy Petty Officer First Class Alfred Q. Valenzuela. These parties assert that the distinguished service and exceptional dedication Navy Petty Officer First Class Valenzuela demonstrated while bravely serving his country, which earned him numerous commendations, warrants a special designation to commemorate such a respected individual. C.S.H.B. 2818 seeks to provide this designation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2818 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 17 from the western municipal boundary of Balmorhea to its intersection with United States Highway 67 and the portion of United States Highway 67 from its intersection with State Highway 17 to the northern municipal boundary of Presidio as the Alfred Q. Valenzuela Memorial Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Alfred Q. Valenzuela 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. The bill establishes that a reference in the bill to a municipal boundary means that boundary as it exists on September 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2818 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 225.102 to read as follows:

Sec. 225.102. GENERAL ALFRED VALENZUELA HIGHWAY. (a)

Notwithstanding Section 225.001(c), the following highways are designated as the General Alfred Valenzuela Highway:

(1) State Highway 17 from the western municipal boundary of Balmorhea to its intersection with United States Highway 67; and

(2) United States Highway 67 from its intersection with State Highway 17 to the northern municipal boundary of Presidio.

(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the General Alfred Valenzuela Highway and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

(c) In this section, a reference to a municipal boundary means that boundary as it exists on September 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 225.102 to read as follows:

Sec. 225.102. ALFRED Q. VALENZUELA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

(a) The following highways are designated as the Alfred Q. Valenzuela Memorial Highway:

(1) State Highway 17 from the western municipal boundary of Balmorhea to its intersection with United States Highway 67; and

(2) United States Highway 67 from its intersection with State Highway 17 to the northern municipal boundary of Presidio.

(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Alfred Q. Valenzuela Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

(c) In this section, a reference to a municipal boundary means that boundary as it exists on September 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.