

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 794
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note the selfless sacrifice of Texas Game Warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson in his attempt to save the life of his game warden partner following the capsizing of their boat in flood waters during a recovery operation. C.S.H.B. 794 seeks to honor the courageous actions of Mr. Patterson with a memorial highway designation in his name.

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. 794 amends the Transportation Code to designate Business State Highway 123-B in Guadalupe County as the Texas Game Warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson 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 designation as the Texas Game Warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 794 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 225.123 to read as follows:
Sec. 225.123. TEXAS GAME WARDEN

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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Sec. 225.123. TEXAS GAME WARDEN

TEYRAN "TY" PATTERSON
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) The portion
of Interstate Highway 10 in Guadalupe
County between its intersection with State
Highway 123 and its intersection with State
Highway 130 is designated as the Texas
Game Warden Teyran "Ty" Patterson
Memorial Highway. This designation is in
addition to any other designation.

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

(1) design and construct markers indicating
the designation as the Texas Game Warden
Teyran "Ty" Patterson 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.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.