

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2675  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note the loss of an admired civic leader with the passing of Jack Ward, who during his distinguished career served many meaningful roles in the Kilgore community. H.B. 2675 seeks to honor Mr. Ward by designating a portion of State Highway 31 in Gregg County as the Jack Ward Memorial Highway.

### **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**

H.B. 2675 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 31 in Gregg County between its intersection with the Smith County line and State Highway 42 as the Jack Ward 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 Jack Ward 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**

September 1, 2017.