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H.B. No. 2820

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to establishing the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial
3 Ceremony Committee to recognize and honor peace officers who were
4 killed in the line of duty.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 3105, Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 3105. TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL MONUMENT AND CEREMONY

9 SECTION 2. Section 3105.002, Government Code, is amended by
10 adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

11 (2-a) "Committee" means the Texas Peace Officers'
12 Memorial Ceremony Committee.

13 SECTION 3. Section 3105.005(c), Government Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (c) Money in the account may be used only for the purposes
16 prescribed by Section 3105.004 [~~this chapter~~].

17 SECTION 4. Chapter 3105, Government Code, is amended by
18 adding Sections 3105.006 and 3105.007 to read as follows:

19 Sec 3105.006. TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY
20 COMMITTEE. (a) The committee is established to plan, oversee, and
21 facilitate annual ceremonies recognizing and honoring peace
22 officers of this state who were killed in the line of duty.

23 (b) The committee consists of the following members:

24 (1) a president, or the president's designee, of a law

1 enforcement organization that:

2 (A) provides full service legal and political
3 representation to law enforcement officers of this state;

4 (B) has at least 10,000 members paying dues, as
5 provided by the organization's Internal Revenue Service Form 990
6 for the previous reporting period;

7 (C) has complied with all filing requirements of
8 the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Department of
9 Labor, and the secretary of state; and

10 (D) has a president and board of directors
11 elected by the organization's members;

12 (2) a surviving spouse of a peace officer killed in the
13 line of duty selected by the chapters of the Concerns of Police
14 Survivors of this state;

15 (3) the following nonvoting members or designees of
16 the members:

17 (A) the governor;

18 (B) the lieutenant governor;

19 (C) the speaker of the house of representatives;

20 (D) the attorney general;

21 (E) the director of the Department of Public
22 Safety;

23 (F) the executive director of the board; and

24 (G) the executive director of the commission.

25 Sec. 3105.007. TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY.

26 (a) The committee shall meet as necessary to plan and coordinate an
27 annual memorial ceremony on the Capitol grounds to honor Texas

1 peace officers who were killed in the line of duty.

2 (b) The committee shall hold the ceremony on a date selected
3 by the committee during the week in which May 8 occurs.

4 (c) The committee and the organizations represented on the
5 committee shall solicit and accept private donations to fund the
6 ceremony.

7 (d) Each odd-numbered year, the ceremony must include a:

8 (1) parade of law enforcement color guards and
9 personnel ending at the Capitol; and

10 (2) ceremony held during a joint session of the
11 legislature on the floor of the house of representatives, if
12 possible.

13 (e) During the ceremony under Subsection (d)(2), the name of
14 each peace officer who was killed in the line of duty since the
15 previous ceremony under Subsection (d) must be read and the
16 surviving family members of the peace officer must be recognized.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.