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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

CHAPTER 3105. TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL MONUMENT AND CEREMONY

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The committee consists of the following members:

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

enforcement organization that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) the governor;

(B) the lieutenant governor;

(C) the speaker of the house of representatives;

(D) the attorney general;

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

(F) the executive director of the board; and

(G) the executive director of the commission.

Sec. 3105.007. TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY.

(a) The committee shall meet as necessary to plan and coordinate an 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.