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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the presence of a spiritual leader during the execution of a person.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 43, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 43.205 to read as follows:

Art. 43.205.  PRESENCE OF SPIRITUAL LEADER DURING EXECUTION. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall ensure that a spiritual leader of the condemned person's choosing is:

(1)  present in the room during the execution of the person; and

(2)  in close proximity to the person.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.