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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.