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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 43.201 to read as follows:

Art. 43.201.  PRESENCE OF SPIRITUAL LEADER DURING EXECUTION. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall allow a condemned person to choose a spiritual leader of the religion that the person practices to be present in the room during the person's execution.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.