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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to highway memorial signs for certain deceased peace officers.

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

SECTION 1.  Subtitle B, Title 6, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Chapter 227 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 227. STATE TROOPER HIGHWAY MEMORIAL SIGNS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 227.001.  GENERAL PROVISIONS. (a) The department shall design, construct, repair, and replace each memorial sign required by this chapter and maintain the grounds for the memorial sign.

(b)  The department shall accept a grant or donation made to assist in financing the construction and maintenance of a memorial sign.

(c)  The department may not design, construct, or erect a memorial sign under this chapter unless a grant or donation of funds is made to the department to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the memorial sign.

(d)  Money received under Subsection (b) shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

Sec. 227.002.  NUMBER OF SIGNS. For each memorial sign required under this chapter, the department may place one or more signs in the location provided for that sign.

Sec. 227.003.  DEPARTMENT CHANGES TO SIGNS. The department in coordination with the Department of Public Safety may make nonsubstantive changes regarding the appropriate name and appearance of a memorial sign under this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER B. MEMORIAL SIGNS

Sec. 227.051.  TROOPER MOISES SANCHEZ. On or near the portion of Interstate Highway 69C in Hidalgo County between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1925 and its intersection with Trenton Road, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Moises Sanchez.

Sec. 227.052.  TROOPER TROY HOGUE. On or near the portion of Interstate Highway 20 in Howard County between mile marker 173 and mile marker 190, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Troy Hogue.

Sec. 227.053.  CORPORAL WILLIE DALE TAYLOR. On or near the portion of Interstate Highway 10 in Crockett County between mile marker 363 and mile marker 368, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Corporal Willie Dale Taylor.

Sec. 227.054.  TROOPER JAVIER ARANA JR. On or near the portion of State Highway Loop 375 in El Paso County between mile marker 41 and mile marker 44, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Javier Arana Jr.

Sec. 227.055.  SERGEANT WILLIAM J. KUHNLE JR. AND TROOPER RALPH G. ZERDA. On or near the portion of United States Highway 90 in Bexar County between its intersection with State Highway 211 and its intersection with Montgomery Road, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Sergeant William J. Kuhnle Jr. and Trooper Ralph G. Zerda.

Sec. 227.056.  TROOPER RICHARD DALE COTTLE. On or near the portion of Interstate Highway 35 in McLennan County between mile marker 341 and mile marker 351, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Richard Dale Cottle.

Sec. 227.057.  TROOPER TIMOTHY WADE MCDERMOTT. On or near the portion of United States Highway 80 in Gregg and Harrison Counties between its intersection with United States Highway 259 and its intersection with State Loop 281, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Timothy Wade McDermott.

Sec. 227.058.  TROOPER MARK JEFFREY PHEBUS. On or near the portion of Farm-to-Market Road 1774 in Montgomery County between its intersection with Misty Meadow Drive and its intersection with Hunters Road, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Mark Jeffrey Phebus.

Sec. 227.059.  TROOPER DAVID IRVINE RUCKER. On or near the portion of State Highway 100 in Cameron County between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 523 and its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 3069, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper David Irvine Rucker.

Sec. 227.060.  TROOPER CHAD M. WALKER. At or near the intersection of State Highway 164 and Farm-to-Market Road 1953 in Limestone County, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Chad M. Walker.

Sec. 227.061.  TROOPER DANIEL HIGDON. At or near mile marker 571 of Interstate Highway 20 in Smith County, the department shall place a memorial sign in honor of Trooper Daniel Higdon.

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