

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Recently, there has been considerable discussion on how best to honor the life and legacy of a beloved philanthropist in Somervell County, Mr. Ed Shipman. Mr. Shipman dedicated his life's work to aiding those children on the verge of incarceration, life-long drug addiction, poverty, and crime. He did this through creating North Central Texas Academy at Happy Hill Farm. This academy relies entirely on private donations and gives these at-risk youths a chance at a better life by providing structure and support, which they may not receive otherwise.

H.B. 2835 recognizes the life and legacy of Ed Shipman, and his service to at-risk Texas youth by designating a portion of State Highway 144, in the Hood and Somervell Counties, as the Ed Shipman Memorial Highway.

H.B. 2835 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 144 in Hood and Somervell Counties as the Ed Shipman Memorial Highway.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.217, as follows:

Sec. 225.217. ED SHIPMAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of State Highway 144 in Hood and Somervell Counties between its intersection with U.S. Highway 67 and its intersection with Mitchell Bend Highway is designated as the Ed Shipman Memorial Highway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made to cover the cost), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Ed Shipman Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.