

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1737
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The purpose of this legislation is to name a section of State Highway 83 in Hidalgo County as the World War II Veterans of the 349th Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division Memorial Highway. The men of the 349th Regiment of the 88th Infantry suffered over 2,400 casualties and over 1,000 soldiers listed as missing in action in their triumphant efforts to liberate Rome, Italy, for the allied forces in World War II.

This bill adds a section to Chapter 225, Transportation Code, naming the portion of State Highway 83 from its intersection with North Inspiration Road to its intersection with South Stewart Road as the World War II Veterans of the 349th Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division Memorial Highway.

As proposed, S.B. 1737 amends current law relating to the designation of a segment of State Highway 83 in Hidalgo County as the World War II Veterans of the 349th Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division 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 225.349, as follows:

Sec. 225.349. World War II VETERANS OF THE 349th REGIMENT OF THE 88TH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of State Highway 83 in Hidalgo County between its intersection with North Inspiration Road and South Stewart Road is designated as the World War II Veterans of the 349th Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division Memorial Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

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

- (1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the World War II Veterans of the 349th Regiment of the 88th Infantry Division 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: upon passage or September 1, 2015.