

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Sergeant Randy Dewayne White was killed in the line of duty when his patrol car was struck by a suspect evading the pursuit of officers attempting to arrest the suspect for a hit-and-run that occurred earlier in the day. Sergeant White was clearing State Highway 114 of traffic ahead of the vehicle pursuit when the accident occurred, helping to save the lives of many other motorists. For his selfless acts, the Bridgeport Police Department posthumously awarded Sergeant White a Medal of Honor, which is given for bravery and valor. To further memorialize Sergeant White's service to his community and state, H.B. 1115 designates a memorial highway in his honor.

H.B. 1115 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 114 in Wise County as the Sergeant Randy D. White 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 225.190, as follows:

Sec. 225.190. SERGEANT RANDY D. WHITE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of State Highway 114 in Wise County between its intersection with 12 Street within the Bridgeport municipal limits and its intersection with County Road 3330 is designated as the Sergeant Randy D. White 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) (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 Sergeant Randy D. White 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, 2021.