

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 1162
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Trooper David Lee Nevarez served as a state trooper for eight years, after serving eight years as Captain of the Jim Hogg County Sheriff's Department. Trooper Nevarez fought a courageous battle with cancer and passed away in April 2012. H.B. 1162 would honor Trooper Nevarez's contributions to his local community with a memorial highway designation.

Accordingly, H.B. 1162 would designate the portion of Farm-to-Market Road 649 in Jim Hogg County between Farm-to-Market Road 2687 and the border of the unincorporated community of Randado as the State Trooper David Lee Nevarez Memorial Highway. The bill would require the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation, and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.H.B. 1162 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 649 as the State Trooper David Lee Nevarez 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 225.123, as follows:

Sec. 225.123. STATE TROOPER DAVID LEE NEVAREZ MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.
(a) Designates the portion of Farm-to-Market Road 649 between Farm-to-Market Road 2687 and State Highway 16 as the State Trooper David Lee Nevarez 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 under this subchapter unless a certain grant or donation of funds is made), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the State Trooper David Lee Nevarez 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, 2017.