

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3917
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties suggest that Texas should do more to honor the life of State Trooper Billy Jack Zachary. H.B. 3917 seeks to address this issue by designating a portion of Interstate Highway 20 as the Trooper Billy Jack Zachary Memorial Highway.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3917 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of Interstate Highway 20 in Ward County between mile marker 80 and mile marker 82 as the Trooper Billy Jack Zachary Memorial Highway, in addition to any other designation. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Trooper Billy Jack Zachary Memorial Highway, and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.