CHAPTER 563

S.B. No. 1997

AN ACT
relating to the designation of Farm-to-Market Road 1015 in Hidalgo County as the Bill Summers International Boulevard.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to recognize Bill Summers for his unselfish sacrifices in developing a close relationship between the Rio Grande Valley and the State of Tamaulipas, United Mexican States.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 225.077 to read as follows:

Sec. 225.077. BILL SUMMERS INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD. (a) Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between U.S. Highway 83 and the Progreso International Bridge is designated as the Bill Summers International Boulevard.

(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall design and construct memorial markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Bill Summers International Boulevard, and any other appropriate information.

(c) The department shall erect a marker at each end of the boulevard and at appropriate intermediate sites along the boulevard.

(d) The requirement that a recognized individual be deceased under Section 225.001(c) does not apply to this section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 16, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.


CHAPTER 564

S.B. No. 2028

AN ACT
relating to privately funded memorials honoring certain peace officers killed in the line of duty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.910 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.910. MEMORIAL MARKERS FOR CERTAIN PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY. (a) The commission by rule shall authorize memorial markers honoring peace officers killed in the line of duty who are not Department of Public Safety troopers. The program established under this section shall be identical to the commission’s existing program for memorial markers for honoring Department of Public Safety troopers.

(b) As used in this section, “peace officer” means a person who was:
(1) a law enforcement officer or peace officer for this state or a political subdivision of this state under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law; or

(2) a federal law enforcement officer or special agent performing duties in this state, including those officers under Article 2.122, Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 23, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 565

S.B. No. 2041

AN ACT relating to requiring an applicant for a driver’s license to demonstrate knowledge of motorists’ rights and responsibilities in relation to bicyclists.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 521.161, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The examination must include:

(1) a test of the applicant’s:

(A) vision;

(B) ability to identify and understand highway signs in English that regulate, warn, or direct traffic; [and]

(C) knowledge of the traffic laws of this state; and

(D) knowledge of motorists’ rights and responsibilities in relation to bicyclists;

(2) a demonstration of the applicant’s ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle of the type that the applicant will be licensed to operate; and

(3) any additional examination the department finds necessary to determine the applicant’s fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely.

(c) The department shall give each applicant the option of taking the parts [traffic law and highway sign part] of the examination under Subsections (b)(1)(B), (C), and (D) in writing in addition to or instead of through a mechanical, electronic, or other testing method. If the applicant takes that part of the examination in writing in addition to another testing method, the applicant is considered to have passed that part of the examination if the applicant passes either version of the examination. The department shall inform each person taking the examination of the person’s rights under this subsection.

SECTION 2. A driver’s license examination administered by the Department of Public Safety is not required to include a question required by Paragraph (D), Subdivision (1), Subsection (b), Section 521.161, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, if the examination is administered before February 1, 2010.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 23, 2009: Yeas 29, Nays 1; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 146, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.