

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Government Code excepts from public disclosure, contact information of Texas peace officers, and information regarding their families. However, if the peace officer should be killed in the line of duty, that exception ceases to be extended to the deceased and the family of the deceased. S.B. 1846 creates an exception from disclosure of certain personal information regarding a peace officer killed in the line of duty.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1846 extends the public information disclosure exception to peace officers who are killed in the line of duty.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 552.117, Government Code, to include in a list of individuals whose personal and contact information is excepted from required public disclosure: peace officers, reserve law enforcement officers, commissioned deputy game wardens, and certain corrections officers, who are killed in the line of duty, regardless of whether these deceased individuals complied with Section 552.024, Government Code. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act retroactive.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.