

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2424
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Purple Heart Trail is a system of roads, highways, bridges, and monuments intended to honor the great men and women who have been awarded one of the nation's oldest military medal, the Purple Heart Medal, which is awarded to service members wounded or killed in combat.

One stretch of the Texas portion of the Purple Heart Trail runs from Dallas to San Antonio, then from San Antonio to South Padre Island and from San Antonio to Laredo.

Interested parties report that there are currently no other Purple Heart Trail designations in deep South Texas.

H.B. 2424 amends current law relating to the designation of the part of U.S. Highway 83 Business in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties as a portion of the national Purple Heart Trail.

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 Section 225.0225(a), Transportation Code, as follows:

(a) Designates the following highways as the Texas portion of the national Purple Heart Trail:

- (1)-(4) Makes no change to these subdivisions;
- (5)-(6) Makes nonsubstantive changes; and
- (7) the part of U.S. Highway 83 Business in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.