

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Raymond Bradley Jimmerson was born in Nacogdoches County and was a beloved member of the community with a desire to serve.

Deputy Jimmerson always had a love of the outdoors and nature and this is what led him to pursue a career in law enforcement.

In 1998, Deputy Jimmerson began his career with the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Jimmerson's career lasted 20 years and throughout this time he was an outstanding police officer who continued to grow his professional career and be an outstanding peace officer.

In 2006 Deputy Jimmerson was named "Peace Officer of the Year" and he had recently received the Master Peace Officer Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement before his death.

On the morning of Friday, October 5, 2018, Deputy Jimmerson was killed in the line of duty as he was clearing debris from the roadway on US Highway 259. That day there were hazardous road conditions with limited visibility and Deputy Jimmerson was trying to clear the highway.

H.B. 1858 amends current law relating to the designation of the portion of United States Highway 259 in Nacogdoches County as the Deputy Sheriff Raymond Bradley Jimmerson 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 225.152, as follows:

Sec. 225.152. DEPUTY SHERIFF RAYMOND BRADLEY JIMMERSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of United States Highway 259 in Nacogdoches County is designated as the Deputy Sheriff Raymond Bradley Jimmerson 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 unless a grant or donation of funds is made to cover the cost), to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Deputy Sheriff Raymond Bradley Jimmerson 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: September 1, 2019.