

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In August of 1989, Bobby Vicha, a Waco Police Sergeant, was tragically killed in his home in Axtell, Texas, while protecting his family during a domestic dispute. Sergeant Vicha was a widely respected 18-year veteran of the Waco Police Department and was survived by two children.

H.B. 2615 seeks to honor Sergeant Vicha and his family by designating a portion of U.S. Highway 84 in McLennan County between FM 1330 and North Vicha Road as "Waco Police Sgt. Bobby Vicha Memorial Highway."

H.B. 2615 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 84 in McLennan County as the Waco Police Sgt. Bobby Vicha 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. WACO POLICE SGT. BOBBY VICHA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 84 in McLennan County between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1330 and its intersection with North Vicha Road is designated as the Waco Police Sgt. Bobby Vicha 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 Waco Police Sgt. Bobby Vicha 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.