

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There have been calls to honor the life and career of former house speaker pro tempore D. R. "Tom" Uher. H.B. 4727 seeks to provide this recognition by designating a portion of State Highway 35 as the D. R. "Tom" Uher Memorial Highway.

H.B. 4727 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 35 in Matagorda County as the D. R. "Tom" Uher Memorial Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the D. R. "Tom" Uher Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

H.B. 4727 amends current law relating to the designation of the portion of State Highway 35 in Matagorda County as the D. R. "Tom" Uher 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. D. R. "TOM" UHER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of State Highway 35 in Matagorda County is designated as the D. R. "Tom" Uher 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 D. R. "Tom" Uher 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: upon passage or September 1, 2019.