

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill designates May 8th as Military Spouse Appreciation Day. The day will commemorate the sacrifices made by military spouses while their loved ones are away as well as the support spouses provide military service members. The day is to be observed by programs coordinated by the Texas Veterans Commission. There are no costs associated with this bill.

As proposed, S.B. 1819 amends current law relating to designating May 8 as Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

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 C, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.071, as follows:

Sec. 662.071. **MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY.** (a) Provides that May 8 is Military Spouse Appreciation Day to recognize the role of the wives and husbands of the brave individuals who serve in the United States armed forces or state military forces. Provides that this day commemorates:

- (1) the sacrifices military spouses make during the weeks, months, and years a loved one is away from home protecting our freedom; and
- (2) the vital support military spouses provide to veterans returning home from military service.

(b) Requires Military Spouse Appreciation Day to be regularly observed by appropriate programs and activities coordinated by the Texas Veterans Commission.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.