

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 2156
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Transportation
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Purple Heart Trail pays tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal by creating a visual reminder to those who use the road system that others have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and live in a free society. There are currently designated sections in 45 states as well as Guam. I-35 running through Bell County is already designated as a part of the trail.

S.B. 2156 would add the portion of Interstate Highway 14 running through Bell County to the Purple Heart Trail. Funding would come from private sources. (Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 2156 amends current law relating to the designation of the portion of Interstate Highway 14 in Bell County as the First Cavalry Division Veterans 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. FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION VETERANS HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of Interstate Highway 14 in Bell County is designated as the First Cavalry Division Veterans Highway. Provides that the designation is in addition to any other designation.

(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 First Cavalry Division Veterans 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.