

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Every year, more than 300,000 men in the United States and nearly 45,000 in Texas lose their lives to cancer, with the most common kinds of cancer among men being prostate cancer, lung cancer, and colorectal cancer.

In order to raise public awareness about the importance of male health and to encourage men to live longer and healthier lives through early detection and treatment of diseases, National Men's Health Month is observed each year in June and Men's Health Awareness Week is the week leading up to Father's Day.

In the summer of 2018, Cameron County passed a resolution that declared the Friday before Father's Day as Blue Tie Day. Designating this day will help raise awareness of the importance of men's health and encourage regular checkup visits to the doctor, and getting educated on the diseases that can affect their lives such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease.

S.B. 430 will codify the existing practice in Cameron County with the hope that bringing awareness to the entire state will have a positive outcome in the lives of all Texas men.

As proposed, S.B. 430 amends current law relating to designating June 13 as Blue Tie 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, Local Government Code, by adding Section 662.071, as follows:

Sec. 662.071. BLUE TIE DAY. (a) Provides that June 13 is Blue Tie Day to promote men's health awareness and encourage men to live healthier, longer lives through early detection and treatment of common diseases.

(b) Requires Blue Tie Day to be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.