

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

There have been calls from many residents of Refugio, Texas, to honor and recognize the life and legacy of Second Lieutenant Lloyd "Pete" Hughes, a Medal of Honor recipient who fought bravely during World War II. H.B. 2167 seeks to provide for this recognition with a memorial highway designated in his name and located in Refugio County.

H.B. 2167 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 77 in Refugio County as the Second Lieutenant Lloyd "Pete" Hughes Medal of Honor 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 Second Lieutenant Lloyd "Pete" Hughes Medal of Honor 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. 2167 amends current law relating to the designation of the portion of U.S. Highway 77 in Refugio County as the Second Lieutenant Lloyd "Pete" Hughes Medal of Honor 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 225.190, as follows:

Sec. 225.190. SECOND LIEUTENANT LLOYD "PETE" HUGHES MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of U.S. Highway 77 in Refugio County is designated as the Second Lieutenant Lloyd "Pete" Hughes Medal of Honor 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 TxDOT to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the marker) to:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Second Lieutenant Lloyd "Pete" Hughes Medal of Honor 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, 2021.