

1-1 By: Whitmire, Garcia S.B. No. 1975  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 27, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
 1-4 April 27, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 27, 2017,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1975 By: Whitmire

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to establishing the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial  
 1-22 Ceremony Committee to recognize and honor peace officers who were  
 1-23 killed in the line of duty.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 3105, Government Code, is  
 1-26 amended to read as follows:

1-27 CHAPTER 3105. TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL MONUMENT AND CEREMONY

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 3105.002, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-29 adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

1-30 (2-a) "Committee" means the Texas Peace Officers'  
 1-31 Memorial Ceremony Committee.

1-32 SECTION 3. Section 3105.005(c), Government Code, is amended  
 1-33 to read as follows:

1-34 (c) Money in the account may be used only for the purposes  
 1-35 prescribed by Section 3105.004 [~~this chapter~~].

1-36 SECTION 4. Chapter 3105, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-37 adding Sections 3105.006 and 3105.007 to read as follows:

1-38 Sec. 3105.006. TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY  
 1-39 COMMITTEE. (a) The committee is established to plan, oversee, and  
 1-40 facilitate annual ceremonies recognizing and honoring peace  
 1-41 officers of this state who were killed in the line of duty.

1-42 (b) The committee consists of the following members:

1-43 (1) a president, or the president's designee, of any  
 1-44 law enforcement organization that:

1-45 (A) provides full service legal and political  
 1-46 representation to law enforcement officers of this state;

1-47 (B) has at least 10,000 members paying dues, as  
 1-48 provided by the organization's Internal Revenue Service Form 990  
 1-49 for the previous reporting period;

1-50 (C) has complied with all filing requirements of  
 1-51 the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Department of  
 1-52 Labor, and the secretary of state; and

1-53 (D) has an elected board of directors;

1-54 (2) a surviving spouse of a peace officer killed in the  
 1-55 line of duty selected by the chapters of the Concerns of Police  
 1-56 Survivors of this state; and

1-57 (3) the following nonvoting members or designees of  
 1-58 the members:

1-59 (A) the governor;

1-60 (B) the lieutenant governor;

2-1 (C) the speaker of the house of representatives;  
 2-2 (D) the attorney general;  
 2-3 (E) the director of the Department of Public  
 2-4 Safety;  
 2-5 (F) the executive director of the board; and  
 2-6 (G) the executive director of the commission.  
 2-7 Sec. 3105.007. TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY.  
 2-8 (a) The committee shall meet as necessary to plan and coordinate  
 2-9 an annual memorial ceremony on the Capitol grounds to honor Texas  
 2-10 peace officers who were killed in the line of duty.  
 2-11 (b) The committee shall hold the ceremony on a date selected  
 2-12 by the committee during the week in which May 8 occurs.  
 2-13 (c) The ceremony may be funded by public or private money.  
 2-14 (d) Each odd-numbered year, the ceremony must include:  
 2-15 (1) a parade of law enforcement color guards and  
 2-16 personnel ending at the Capitol; and  
 2-17 (2) a ceremony held during a joint session of the  
 2-18 legislature on the floor of the house of representatives, if  
 2-19 possible.  
 2-20 (e) During the ceremony under this section, the name of each  
 2-21 peace officer who is being added to the monument that year must be  
 2-22 read and the surviving family members of the peace officer must be  
 2-23 recognized.  
 2-24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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