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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Law Enforcement
 3 Officers' Hall of Fame; creating s. 265.004, F.S.;
 4 establishing the Florida Law Enforcement Officers'
 5 Hall of Fame; providing for administration by the
 6 Department of Law Enforcement; designating location;
 7 providing procedures for selection, nomination, and
 8 induction; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Section 265.004, Florida Statutes, is created
 13 to read:

14 265.004 Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame.—

15 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and
 16 honor those law enforcement officers who, through their works,
 17 service, and exemplary accomplishments during or following their
 18 service as law enforcement officers, have dedicated their lives
 19 to, and sacrificed their lives for, the safety of the citizens
 20 of Florida and have made significant contributions to the state.

21 (2) There is established the Florida Law Enforcement
 22 Officers' Hall of Fame.

23 (a) The Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame is
 24 administered by the Department of Law Enforcement without
 25 appropriation of state funds.

26 (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside
 27 an appropriate public area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol
 28 Building for the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame

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29 and shall consult with the Department of Law Enforcement
30 regarding the design and theme of the area.

31 (c) The Department of Law Enforcement shall affix the name
32 of each person inducted into the Florida Law Enforcement
33 Officers' Hall of Fame on a plaque displayed in the designated
34 area of the Capitol Building.

35 (3) (a) The Department of Law Enforcement shall annually
36 accept recommendations of persons to be considered as nominees
37 for induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of
38 Fame. The department shall accept recommendations of potential
39 nominees from law enforcement organizations that the department
40 deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the Police
41 Benevolent Association. The department shall choose nominees
42 from among the recommendations submitted and transmit the names
43 of those law enforcement officers to the Governor and Cabinet
44 who will select the nominees to be inducted.

45 (b) In making its recommendations to the Governor and
46 Cabinet, the Department of Law Enforcement shall give preference
47 to law enforcement officers who were born in Florida or adopted
48 Florida as their home state.

49 (4) The Department of Law Enforcement may establish
50 criteria and set specific time periods for the acceptance of
51 recommendations for nomination and for the process of selecting
52 nominees' names to forward to the Governor and Cabinet. The
53 department may establish, organize, and conduct a formal
54 induction ceremony.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.