

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 a law enforcement officer, 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 Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 25 without appropriation of state funds.

26 (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside
 27 an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building along the

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28 northeast front wall and shall consult with the Department of
29 Law Enforcement regarding the design and theme of the area.

30 (c) Each person inducted into the Florida Law Enforcement
31 Officers' Hall of Fame shall have his or her name placed on a
32 plaque displayed in the designated area of the Capitol Building.

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

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

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

53 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.