

By Senator Ring

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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 to
13 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 area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building along the
28 northeast front wall and shall consult with the Department of
29 Law Enforcement regarding the design and theme of the area.

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

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

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

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

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.