

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;  
and 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 appropriate public area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol  
28 Building for the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame  
29 and shall consult with the Department of Law Enforcement

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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 to forward to the Governor and Cabinet. The department  
53 may establish, organize, and conduct a formal induction  
54 ceremony.

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