

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

15 265.004 Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame.—

16 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and
 17 honor law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10, who put
 18 their lives on the line for the safety and protection of the
 19 citizens of Florida through their works, service, and exemplary
 20 accomplishments during or following their service as law
 21 enforcement officers.

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

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

27 (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside
 28 an appropriate public area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol
 29 Building for the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame
 30 and shall consult with the Department of Law Enforcement
 31 regarding the design and theme of the area.

32 (c) The Department of Law Enforcement may establish,
 33 organize, and conduct a formal induction ceremony. The
 34 department shall affix the name of each law enforcement officer
 35 inducted into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame
 36 on a plaque displayed in the designated area of the Capitol
 37 Building.

38 (3) (a) The Department of Law Enforcement shall annually
 39 accept recommendations of law enforcement officers to be
 40 considered for induction into the Florida Law Enforcement
 41 Officers' Hall of Fame. The department shall accept
 42 recommendations from law enforcement organizations that the
 43 department deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the
 44 Police Benevolent Association and the Fraternal Order of Police.
 45 The department shall nominate 10 law enforcement officers from
 46 the recommendations submitted and forward the names of the
 47 nominees to the Governor and Cabinet. The Governor and Cabinet
 48 must select five of the nominees to be inducted.

49 (b) In determining who should be nominated, the department
 50 shall give preference to law enforcement officers who were born
 51 in Florida or who have adopted Florida as their home state and
 52 who have put their lives on the line for the safety and

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53 protection of the citizens of Florida through their works,
54 service, and exemplary accomplishments during or following their
55 service as law enforcement officers.

56 (4) The Department of Law Enforcement may establish
57 criteria and set specific time periods for accepting
58 recommendations and for selecting nominees.

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