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An act relating to the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame; creating s. 265.004, F.S.; establishing the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame; designating location; providing procedures for selection, nomination, and induction; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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

265.004 Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame.—

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

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

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

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27 and shall consult with the Department of Law Enforcement
28 regarding the design and theme of the area.

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

35 (3) (a) The Department of Law Enforcement shall annually
36 accept nominations of law enforcement officers to be considered
37 for induction into the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of
38 Fame from the Florida Police Chiefs Association, the Florida
39 Sheriffs Association, the Florida Police Benevolent Association,
40 the Fraternal Order of Police, and the State Law Enforcement
41 Chiefs' Association. Each association may submit a maximum of
42 three nominations annually. The department shall transmit a list
43 of no more than ten nominees to the Governor and Cabinet, who
44 will select up to five nominees to be inducted.

45 (b) In providing 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 nominations and the selection process of nominees.

52 (5) The Department of Law Enforcement shall adopt rules to

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53 implement this section.

54 Section 2. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of
55 \$63,142 in recurring funds is appropriated from the General
56 Revenue Fund to the Department of Law Enforcement for the
57 purpose of implementing this act.

58 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.