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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Beirut Memorial; creating s.
3 265.005, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring
4 the Department of Management Services to establish a
5 Beirut Memorial, subject to legislative appropriation;
6 requiring the department to consider recommendations
7 of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Florida
8 Historical Commission regarding specific aspects of
9 the memorial; requiring the Department of Management
10 Services to coordinate with the Division of Historical
11 Resources regarding design and placement of the
12 memorial; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 265.005, Florida Statutes, is created
17 to read:

18 265.005 Beirut Memorial.—

19 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and
20 honor the sacrifices endured by members of the United States
21 Armed Forces who lost their lives as a result of the explosion
22 of a truck laden with compressed gas-enhanced explosives which
23 collapsed the headquarters building of the 1st Battalion, 8th
24 Marines Regiment in Beirut, Lebanon, on October 23, 1983.

25 (2) The Department of Management Services shall, subject
26 to legislative appropriation, establish a Beirut Memorial. The

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27 Department of Management Services shall approve the design and
28 placement of the Beirut Memorial in the Capitol Complex, as
29 defined in s. 281.01, after considering recommendations from the
30 Department of Veterans' Affairs and, pursuant to ss. 265.111 and
31 267.0612(9), the Florida Historical Commission with regard to
32 the appropriate design and placement of the memorial. The
33 Department of Management Services shall also coordinate with the
34 Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State
35 regarding the memorial's design and placement, subject to the
36 division's powers and duties under s. 267.031.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.