

HB5 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would designate the first Friday in May as Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

This bill would allow the Alabama State Fraternal Order of Police to hold an annual Fallen Officer Memorial Service.

This bill would allow each county and municipality to elect to observe Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day as a holiday.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to state holidays; to designate Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the following:

(1) In 1962, President John F. Kennedy declared May 15 as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in honor of the American law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

(2) The National Fraternal Order of Police initiated an



29 annual service in 1982 to honor and remember fallen law
30 enforcement officers.

31 (3) Since 1983, the Alabama State Fraternal Order of
32 Police has annually held a Fallen Officer Memorial Service in
33 honor of Alabama officers killed in the line of duty. This
34 service is traditionally held on the south lawn of the State
35 Capitol on the first Friday in May.

36 (4) Since its inception, Alabama's Fallen Officer
37 Memorial Service has honored 598 officers, and the service has
38 provided comfort to the families who have lost loved ones in
39 the line of duty.

40 (b) (1) The first Friday in May of each year is
41 designated as Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day. On this
42 day, the Alabama State Fraternal Order of Police may host a
43 Fallen Officer Memorial Service on the south lawn of the State
44 Capitol. All residents of this state are urged to devote some
45 portion of Peace Officers' Memorial Day to reflect upon the
46 sacrifice of Alabama law enforcement officers who were killed
47 in the line of duty and to honor their selfless contributions
48 to the livelihoods of their fellow Alabamians.

49 (2) Each county and municipality may elect to observe
50 Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

51 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
52 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
53 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.