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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

1 American law enforcement members who have been killed in the
2 line of duty.

3 (2) The National Fraternal Order of Police initiated
4 an annual service in 1982 to honor and remember fallen law
5 enforcement officers.

6 (3) Since 1983, the Alabama State Fraternal Order of
7 Police has annually held a Fallen Officer Memorial Service in
8 honor of Alabama officers killed in the line of duty. This
9 service is traditionally held on the south lawn of the State
10 Capitol on the first Friday of May.

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

15 (b) (1) The first Friday in May of each year is
16 designated as Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day. On this
17 day, the Alabama State Fraternal Order of Police may host a
18 Fallen Officer Memorial Service on the south lawn of the State
19 Capitol. All residents of this state are urged to devote some
20 portion of Peace Officers' Memorial Day to reflect upon the
21 sacrifice of Alabama law enforcement members who were killed
22 in the line of duty, and to honor their selfless contributions
23 to the livelihoods of their fellow Alabamians.

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

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