

CHAPTER 2018-31

House Bill No. 67

An act relating to the Florida Slavery Memorial; creating s. 265.006, F.S.; providing legislative intent; establishing the Florida Slavery Memorial; providing for administration of the memorial by the Department of Management Services; directing the department to develop a specified plan for the design, placement, and cost of the memorial and submit the plan to the Governor and Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 265.006, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

265.006 Florida Slavery Memorial.—

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the American Colonies and to honor the nameless and forgotten men, women, and children who have gone unrecognized for their undeniable and weighty contributions to the United States.

(2) There is established the Florida Slavery Memorial.

(a) The memorial is administered by the Department of Management Services.

(b) The Department of Management Services shall develop a plan for the design, placement, and cost of the memorial. The plan shall include the designation of an appropriate public area for the memorial on the premises of the Capitol Complex, as defined in s. 281.01, not including the State Capital Circle Office Complex. The department shall consider the recommendations of the Florida Historical Commission as required pursuant to ss. 265.111 and 267.0612(9) and shall coordinate with the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State in developing the plan. The department shall submit the plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 2018.

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