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**Sen. Lucio: I will not vote to suspend on Senate Bill 5
until Sen. Van de Putte is in the Senate to vote.**

AUSTIN - Today (Monday), Senator Lucio issues the following statement on Senate Bill 5:

"In the final days of this special legislative session, my good friend Senator Leticia Van de Putte suffered a tragic death, the loss of her father. Today, she and her family are attending a visitation, viewing, and rosary in San Antonio. Senator Van de Putte asked me directly—knowing I support Senate Bill 5—to nonetheless vote no on suspending the 24-hour posting rule on the bill until she can be in the Senate chamber to cast her vote against it. I am honoring Senator Van de Putte's request. While my faith drives me to support Senate Bill 5, my faith also requires that I show respect and compassion to my fellow member and good friend. It is incumbent upon all of us in the Senate to show Senator Van de Putte and her family the utmost consideration during this trying time."

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