

# **Ohio Legislative Service Commission**

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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

**Bill**: S.B. 200 of the 131st G.A. **Date**: November 24, 2015

**Status**: As Passed by the Senate **Sponsor**: Sens. Bacon and Hughes

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Sergeant Adam L. Knox Memorial Highway and the Army Chief Warrant Officer

Donald V. Clark Memorial Highway

### **State Fiscal Highlights**

• The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor, to install appropriate memorial signs on I-70 within Columbus and on State Route 7 within Boardman Township.

#### **Local Fiscal Highlights**

• No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

#### **Detailed Fiscal Analysis**

The bill designates two new memorial highways: (1) the Sergeant Adam L. Knox Memorial Highway, running on I-70 in Columbus between Wilson Road and Hilliard Rome Road, and (2) the Army Chief Warrant Officer Donald V. Clark Memorial Highway, spanning State Route 7 in Boardman Township between Western Reserve Road and U.S. Route 224. In cases where memorial signs are to be placed on an interstate route or on a state route outside of a municipal boundary, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) pays for the signage and installation costs.

When a highway is designated as a memorial, ODOT typically installs a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the highway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. According to ODOT, the cost of installing signs for memorial highways and bridges is approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are knocked down or damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.