



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 182 of the 131st G.A.

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Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Sens. Balderson and Peterson

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates various memorial highways and bridges

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur minimal costs to the Highway Operating Fund to install signs marking most of the designated memorial highways under the bill. If any of the municipalities in the bill opt to have ODOT supply the signs, they would be charged for the cost but would still be responsible for the cost of installation.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The cities or villages containing designated memorial highways entirely within their borders are responsible for the full cost of any signage for the memorial highways designated within their boundaries. The approximate cost ranges from \$350 to \$400 per sign.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates 28 new highways and bridges on portions of various state routes, United States highways, and interstate highways, to honor individuals throughout Ohio. The table below on page 3 provides a summary listing each bridge or memorial highway (MH) named in the order that they appear in the bill, including the location of the roadway and the entity responsible for paying the signage costs. The commemorations honor three groups of people who have passed away: (1) members of the armed forces of the United States, (2) first responders, and (3) other significant historical or political personages.

The cost of signage to mark the highways is paid either by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) or the municipal corporation through which the roadway passes, pursuant to ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual. In cases where municipal corporations contain designated memorial highways entirely within their boundaries, the municipalities must reimburse ODOT for all signage costs. In other cases, where only a portion of a designated memorial highway passes through a municipal corporation, ODOT and the municipality involved may share the costs. The signs located entirely outside municipal boundaries, or on interstates, are covered by ODOT.

Overall, ODOT and the municipalities concerned would each incur no more than minimal costs to install signs on designated roadways in the bill. According to ODOT, the cost to manufacture and install a single set of flatsheet signs at one location is approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, depending on sign size and equipment needed. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years. When a highway or bridge is designated as a memorial, ODOT installs a marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the highway or near the bridge instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

Change to existing bridge designation

In addition to the new designations, the bill amends a previously enacted section of the Revised Code (R.C. 5533.359) that designates the bridge on Interstate 90 (I-90) spanning the Cuyahoga River in Cuyahoga County as the George V. Voinovich Bridge. The bill requires ODOT to install markers on or near both the eastbound and the westbound bridges that carry traffic on I-90 over the river. As part of a large Major New construction project, ODOT is replacing the one Innerbelt bridge in Cleveland on I-90 with two bridges. The westbound bridge has been completed, while the span that will carry eastbound traffic is under construction.

Memorial Highway (MH) and Bridge Designations in Sub. S.B. 182			
Designation	Road	County Location (Municipality)	Entity Responsible for Signage Cost
U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith MH	US-127	Paulding (Paulding)	Village of Paulding
Fireman First Class Irving Eugene Peters MH	SR-39	Ashland	ODOT
Lance Corporal Ryan E. Miller MH	I-270	Franklin (Columbus)	ODOT
Lance Cpl. Eric J. Bernholtz MH	SR-62	Franklin (Grove City)	City of Grove City
Lieutenant Stephen Byus MH	SR-93	Jackson (Wellston and Coalton)	City of Wellston and Village of Coalton
Sgt. Jesse Balthaser U.S.M.C. MH	I-70	Franklin (Columbus)	ODOT
Army Specialist Gerald R. Jenkins MH	US-23	Pickaway	ODOT
Army PFC Kevin C. Ott MH	US-62	Pickaway	ODOT
SFC Bobby Lee Estle MH	SR-48	Warren (South Lebanon)	Village of South Lebanon
196th Light Infantry Brigade SP4 Robert L. Fowble, Jr., and PFC Jack E. Beam MH	SR-571	Darke (Greenville and Union City)	City of Greenville and City of Union City
Private First Class William "Brent" Turner U.S.M.C. MH	SR-72	Greene (Cedarville and Clifton)	Village of Cedarville and Village of Clifton
Army Chief Warrant Officer Donald V. Clark MH	SR-7	Mahoning	ODOT
Sergeant Adam L. Knox MH	I-70	Franklin (Columbus)	ODOT
SPC James E. Hall, Jr. MH	SR-73	Butler	ODOT
Lt. Col. Albert L. Allen, Jr. MH	I-271	Richland	ODOT
Corporal William F. Bratt MH	SR-7	Columbiana (East Liverpool and Wellsville)	City of East Liverpool and Village of Wellsville
Sgt. Donald Russell Long, Medal of Honor Recipient, MH	SR-93	Jackson (Oak Hill)	Village of Oak Hill
USMC LCpl Stacy (Annie) Dryden MH	US-62	Stark (Canton)	City of Canton
Vietnam Veterans: SP4 Arthur J. Heringhausen Jr., SP4 Ervin E. Harris, CPL Gerald E. Corlett, PFC Joseph G. Gill, PFC Esiquio A. Cantu, 2LT John W. Vaughan, PFC Scott D. Corrello, and A1C John M. Thayer MH	SR-2	Lucas (Oregon)	ODOT and City of Oregon
Army Specialist Dennis Ramon MH	SR-6	Erie (Sandusky)	City of Sandusky
Lance Corporal Stanley J. Sliwinski MH	SR-82	Trumbull	ODOT
Detective Corporal J. Phillip Brown MH	US-22	Fayette and Pickaway	ODOT
John W.E. Bowen III Memorial Roadway	US-33	Franklin (Columbus)	City of Columbus
Rep. Frederick H. Deering MH	SR-4	Erie (Bucyrus)	ODOT and City of Bucyrus
State Senator C. Stanley Mechem MH	US-33	Hocking and Athens	ODOT
Congressman Michael G. Oxley MH	US-30	Hancock	ODOT
Neil Armstrong Memorial Way	US-123	Warren (Lebanon)	ODOT and City of Lebanon
Lt. Col. Ralph D. Cole Memorial Bridge	SR-37	Hancock (Findlay)	City of Findlay