Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by S. Highways and Transportation)

Sens. Hughes, Bacon, Grendell, Sawyer, Seitz

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Director of Transportation to designate portions of state highways, county roads, township roads, or municipal streets or highways in honor of each state highway patrol trooper, county sheriff or deputy sheriff, township constable or police officer, or municipal police officer who is or has been killed in the line of duty.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill directs the Director of Transportation to designate a memorial highway separately honoring each Ohio law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty, as follows:

(1) For each state highway patrol trooper, in consultation with the Director of Public Safety and the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol, portions of state highways.[1]

(2) For each county sheriff or deputy sheriff, in consultation with the appropriate county sheriffs, portions of state highways, portions of county roads, or a combination of such portions.[2]

(3) For each township constable or police officer of a township police department or district, in consultation with the appropriate township constable or chief

[1] R.C. 5501.70(A)(1).

[2] R.C. 5501.70(A)(2).

of a township police department or district, portions of state highways, portions of county roads, portions of township roads, or a combination of such portions.[3]

(4) For each police officer of a law enforcement agency of a municipal corporation, in consultation with the appropriate chiefs of the law enforcement agencies of municipal corporations, portions of state highways, portions of county roads, portions of township roads, a combination of such portions, or a combination of such portions and a portion of a street or highway located within a municipal corporation.[4]

No portion or combined portion of a memorial highway designated under the bill may exceed 20 miles in total length.

The bill allows the Director of Transportation to designate a portion of a state highway, county or township road, or street or highway located within a municipal corporation that already has been given a statutory designation. If this occurs, the portion of highway, road, or street at issue will have both names. If the Director designates a portion of a highway, road, or street under the bill and that portion subsequently is given a statutory designation, the portion at issue will have both names unless the statutory designation expressly provides otherwise.[5]

When a portion of a highway, road, or street receives a designation under the bill, the Director of Transportation may erect suitable markers along it indicating its name.[6]

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-01-11
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[3] R.C. 5501.70(A)(3).

[4] R.C. 5501.70(A)(4).

[5] R.C. 5501.70(B).

[6] R.C. 5501.70(C).