



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [H.B. 42 of the 129th G.A.](#)

**Date:** March 1, 2011

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Rep. Boose

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Designates a portion of United States Route 20 in Ridgefield Township and the Village of Monroeville as the "Army Private Jason L. Sparks Memorial Highway"

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) could incur minimal costs to install suitable signs along the designated portion of United States Route 20 in Huron County outside of the village of Monroeville. ODOT could also incur minimal costs to provide memorial highway markers to the village of Monroeville for the designated portion of United States Route 20 within its boundaries. However, ODOT would charge a fee to the village commensurate with sign manufacturing costs.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- The village of Monroeville could incur minimal costs if it chooses to install markers on the designated portion of United States Route 20 within its boundaries. There may also be maintenance costs for repairs if the signs are damaged.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Some of the designated portion of United States Route 20 in Huron County is functionally classified by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) as a rural route. However, the designated road also runs through the village of Monroeville. Ohio's Traffic Engineering Manual directs that signs for memorial highways established by the legislature under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code on United States and state routes on the rural state highway system should be furnished and installed by the appropriate ODOT district. Signs for memorial highways on U.S. and state routes inside municipal corporations, meanwhile, are the responsibility of the municipal corporation. As a result, ODOT would incur minimal costs to install suitable signs along the designated portion of road outside of Monroeville, while the city would incur such costs if it chooses to install markers within its boundaries. ODOT may furnish the signs to the municipal corporation for a fee commensurate with the sign's manufacturing costs.

According to ODOT, the current costs to manufacture, install, and maintain a single set of flatsheet signs at one location are estimated to be about \$600, depending on the size, equipment, materials, and frequency of repair. 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.

When a highway is designated as a memorial, the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices directs that the memorial marker(s) should first be installed in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker may be installed along the highway instead. Two markers are usually installed at each location, one in each direction.