



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Am. Sub. H.B. 325 of the 129th G.A.](#) **Date:** May 21, 2012
Status: As Passed by the House **Sponsor:** Rep. Landis

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates various memorial highways

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur minimal costs to the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to install and maintain markers along most of the designated memorial locations listed in 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 of Fairborn, Mentor, and Columbus would be responsible for the full cost of any signage for the memorial highways designated within their boundaries. Certain other cities and villages could also be responsible for the costs of signing certain portions of memorial highways that pass within their boundaries if they choose to place such signs.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates 31 memorial highways on portions of various state routes, United States routes, and Interstate highways throughout Ohio. The following table summarizes these highways in the order that they appear in the bill, including the location of the highway and the entity responsible for paying any signage costs.

| Memorial Highway Designations in Am. Sub. H.B. 325 | | | |
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| Designation | Road to be named | County (Municipality, if applicable) | Sign costs paid by |
| Branch Rickey Memorial Highway | US-23 | Scioto County | ODOT |
| Staff Sergeant Christopher L. Brown Memorial Highway | US-23 | Franklin County (Columbus) | City of Columbus |
| Lance Corporal Aaron Reed Memorial Highway | US-50 E | Ross County | ODOT |
| David A. Gibson Memorial Highway | SR-104 | Ross County | ODOT |
| Sergeant David Kreuter Memorial Highway | SR-264 E | Hamilton County | ODOT |
| Staff Sergeant Jesse Ault Memorial Highway | I-70 | Belmont County | ODOT |
| Army 1st Lieutenant John Runkle Memorial Highway | I-71 N | Wayne County | ODOT |
| Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon Memorial Highway | I-71 | Franklin County (Grove City) | ODOT |
| Sheriff's Lieutenant John P. Gisclon Memorial Highway | US-250 S | Ashland County (Bailey Lakes) | ODOT/Village of Bailey Lakes |
| Lance Corporal Peter James Clore Memorial Highway | SR-39 E | Tuscarawas County (New Philadelphia) | ODOT/City of New Philadelphia |
| USMC Sergeant Daniel J. Patron Memorial Highway | SR-172 E | Stark County | ODOT |
| Staff Sergeant Joshua Gire Memorial Highway | SR-772 N | Ross County | ODOT |
| USMC Lance Corporal Jonathan Etterling Memorial Highway | US-52 | Scioto County (Portsmouth) | ODOT/City of Portsmouth |
| Lance Corporal Luke C. Scott Memorial Highway | SR-41 N | Adams County (Peebles) | ODOT/Village of Peebles |
| Specialist William Seth Blevins Memorial Highway | US-62 E | Brown County | ODOT |
| 1st Lieutenant Ashley White-Stumpf Memorial Highway | SR-44 | Stark County | ODOT |
| Sergeant Michael Barkey Memorial Highway | SR-21 S | Stark County | ODOT |

| Memorial Highway Designations in Am. Sub. H.B. 325 | | | |
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| Designation | Road to be named | County (Municipality, if applicable) | Sign costs paid by |
| Captain Daniel Stiles Memorial Highway | SR-619 E | Stark County | ODOT |
| Sergeant James L. Smith Memorial Highway | SR-416 S | Tuscarawas County | ODOT |
| Army Specialist Jesse Adam Snow Memorial Highway | SR-235 | Greene County (Fairborn) | City of Fairborn |
| Private First Class Douglas E. Dickey Memorial Highway | SR-47 E | Darke County | ODOT |
| Specialist Damon G. Winkleman Memorial Highway | SR-179 S | Ashland County (Hayesville) | ODOT/Village of Hayesville |
| Sergeant Brian Dulle Memorial Highway | US-42 E | Warren County | ODOT |
| U.S. Army Corporal Zachary Grass Memorial Highway | US-62 E | Stark County | ODOT |
| Lieutenant Jason S. Manse Memorial Highway | SR-172 W | Stark County | ODOT |
| Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Trail | I-75 | Lucas, Wood, Hancock, Allen, Auglaize, Shelby, Miami, Montgomery, Warren, Butler, and Hamilton counties | ODOT |
| Boone Coleman Memorial Highway | SR-52 | Scioto County | ODOT |
| Bill Burgett Highway | SR-13 N | Knox County (Fredericktown) | ODOT/Village of Fredericktown |
| Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Highway | SR-315 | Franklin County (Columbus) | City of Columbus |
| Sergeant First Class Jeffrey J. Rieck Memorial Highway | SR-315 | Franklin County (Columbus) | City of Columbus |
| Sergeant Mark T. Smykowski Memorial Highway | SR-84 E | Lake County (Mentor) | City of Mentor |

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.¹ In most cases above, ODOT will be responsible for the costs of installing signs to mark the designated roads. In certain cases, if the city of Fairborn and the city of Mentor choose to install signs designating the Army Specialist Jesse Adam Snow Memorial Highway and the Sergeant Mark T. Smykowski Memorial Highway, respectively, and the city of Columbus

¹ Under ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual, for memorial highways designated in Section 5533 of the Revised Code, municipalities that opt to install signs designating memorial highways are responsible for reimbursing ODOT for those signage costs on United States routes and state routes within their borders, while ODOT covers the costs of memorial highway signs outside municipal borders and Interstate highways within municipal borders.

chooses to install signs designating the Staff Sergeant Christopher L. Brown, Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski, and Sergeant First Class Jeffrey J. Rieck memorial highways, those municipalities would be responsible for reimbursing ODOT for all signage costs, as those road segments are contained entirely within municipal boundaries. In six other cases, ODOT and certain municipalities may share the costs as portions of those designated highways pass through municipal boundaries, but are not entirely contained within them.

Overall, ODOT and the associated municipalities would incur no more than minimal costs to install signs on each of the designated memorial highways 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's policy is to install 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. For highways designated in two directions, two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.