



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Sub. H.B. 325 of the 129th G.A.](#) **Date:** March 15, 2012
Status: As Reported by House Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security **Sponsor:** Rep. Landis

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates various memorial highways

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would 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 and Mentor 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 do so.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates 28 memorial highways on portions of various state routes, United States routes, and Interstate highways throughout Ohio. These are summarized in the following table in the order that they appear in the bill.

Memorial Highway Designations in Sub. H.B. 325			
Designation	Road to be named	County (Municipality, if applicable)	Sign costs paid by
Branch Rickey Memorial Highway	US-23	Scioto County	ODOT
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
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
Private First Class 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
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

Memorial Highway Designations in Sub. H.B. 325			
Designation	Road to be named	County (Municipality, if applicable)	Sign costs paid by
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 Specialist 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
Staff Sergeant Kevin J. Kessler Memorial Highway	US-30 E	Stark County	ODOT
Boone Coleman Memorial Highway	SR-52	Scioto County	ODOT
Bill Burgett Highway	SR-13 N	Knox County (Fredericktown)	ODOT/Village of Fredericktown
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 two 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, those municipalities would be responsible for reimbursing ODOT for all signage costs, as those roads 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

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.

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.

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