



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** S.B. 80 of the 129th G.A.

**Date:** March 10, 2011

**Status:** As Reported by Senate State & Local Government & Veterans Affairs

**Sponsor:** Sens. Cates and Hughes

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Designates a portion of United States Route 322 within Cleveland Heights as the "Officer Thomas F. Patton II Memorial Highway"

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) could incur minimal costs to provide memorial highway markers to the city of Cleveland Heights for the designated portion of United States Route 322. However, ODOT would charge a fee to the city commensurate with sign manufacturing costs.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Cleveland Heights could incur minimal costs if it chooses to install markers on the designated portion of United States Route 322. There may also be maintenance costs for repairs if the signs are damaged.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The city of Cleveland Heights could incur minimal costs to install suitable signs along the designated portion of United States Route 322. Ohio's Traffic Engineering Manual directs that signs for memorial highways established by the legislature under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code on U.S. and state routes inside municipal corporations should not be installed by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Rather, this would be the responsibility of the municipal corporation. However, 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 size, equipment, materials, and frequency of repair. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are 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.