



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [S.B. 187 of the 129th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Grendell

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates a portion of United States Route 322 within Geauga County as the "Chief Warrant Officer Christopher R. Thibodeau Memorial Highway"

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur minimal costs to manufacture and install suitable markers for the designated portion of United States Route 322 in Geauga County. There may also be maintenance costs for repairs if the signs are knocked down or damaged.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would incur minimal costs to install suitable signs along the designated portion of United States Route 322 in Geauga County, as nearly all of the designated portion of road is functionally classified as rural. The designated route does not pass through any municipal corporations. Ohio's Traffic Engineering Manual directs the appropriate ODOT district to furnish and install signs for memorial highways on the rural state highway system that are designated by the legislature under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code.

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 of the sign(s), equipment and materials needed to install them, and the frequency of maintenance. 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 Department's policy is to first install a memorial 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 instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.