

Legislative Analysis



PFC HAROLD R. COOLEY-WWII MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 5219

Sponsor: Rep. Richard Ball

Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5219 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE 10-20-09

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate a portion of highway M-21 in Shiawassee County beginning at the intersection of M-21 and Meridian Road and continuing east to the intersection of M-21 and M-13 as the "PFC. Harold R. Cooley-WWII Marine Corps League Memorial Highway."

(The Harold R. Cooley Detachment of the Marine Corps League is based in Shiawassee County and honors an Owosso marine killed in the reconquest of Guam in 1944.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2 of the Michigan Memorial Highway Act says that the state transportation department shall only provide for the erection of suitable markers indicating the name of the highway "when sufficient private contributions are received to completely cover the cost of erecting and maintaining those markers." As a result, the bill has no state or local fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs supports the bill. (10-20-09)

The Military Order of the Purple Heart supports the bill. (10-20-09)

A representative of the American Legion, the Marine Corps League, and the Commanders Group testified in support of the bill. (10-20-09)

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