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House Bill 4985 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Robert L. Kosowski
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway M-153 beginning at its intersection with Newburgh Road and extending east to its intersection with Wayne Road as the "Firefighter Brian Wohlke Memorial Highway".

Proposed MCL 250.1089

BACKGROUND

Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Wohlke died on May 8, 2013, while battling a fire that destroyed a building in Westland. Mr. Wohlke was 29 years old at the time and was survived by his wife and a one-year-old daughter. The fire was ruled an arson and the investigation was taken over by the Michigan State Police. Mr. Wohlke was the first Westland firefighter to die in the line of duty in the department's 47-year history.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

Section 2 of the Act requires the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide for the erection and maintenance of suitable markers only when sufficient private contributions are received to pay the cost of erecting and maintaining those markers. Therefore, the bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. According to the Department, the cost for fabrication and installation of a sign ranges from \$500 to \$5,800, depending on the type of the road, size of the sign, and region of the State where the sign will be located.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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