

Legislative Analysis



TROOPER STEVEN B. DEVRIES MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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**House Bill 4389 as enacted
Public Act 136 of 2015
Sponsor: Rep. Dave Pagel
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Transportation
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Analysis available at
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

SUMMARY:

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway US-12 in Berrien County beginning at the intersection of US-12 and Highway M-60 and continuing west to the intersection of Highway US-12 and Highway US-31 West as the "Tpr. Steven B. Devries Memorial Highway."

MCL 250.1004a

BACKGROUND:

According to information from the Michigan State Police, State Trooper Steven B. Devries was shot and killed during a traffic stop near Niles, Michigan, in October of 1972, after receiving reports of a bank robber on the run. He was 32 years old, and survived by his wife and two children. Information found in his notepad led to the apprehension and conviction of the shooter for bank robbery and murder. See page 28 at this MSP website: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/fallnoffcrs_3282_7.pdf

FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2 of the Michigan Memorial Highway Act indicates 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.

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