

Legislative Analysis



SERGEANT JOE JOHNSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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Senate Bill 34 as enacted

Public Act 19 of 2017

Sponsor: Sen. Jim Ananich

House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

Senate Committee: Transportation

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SUMMARY:

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of highway US-23 in Genesee County beginning at the intersection of Highway US-23 and Thompson Road and extending North to the intersection of Highway US-23 and Bristol Road as the "Sergeant Joe Johnson Memorial Highway."

Proposed MCL 250.1011a

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, Army Specialist Joseph Johnson, a native of Flint, Michigan, was killed at the age of 24 in Afghanistan on June 16, 2010. After graduating from Carman-Ainsworth High School in 2004, he enlisted in the Army in 2006 and was deployed to Afghanistan in December 2009 with the 27th Engineer Battalion, 161st Combat Engineers Airborne as a counter-IED (improvised explosive device) soldier and route clearance patrolman.

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.

POSITION:

Department of Transportation is neutral on the bill. (3-14-17)

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