

Legislative Analysis



TROOPER CALVIN R. JONES MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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Senate Bill 459 (as reported from House committee)

Sponsor: Sen. Dale W. Zorn

House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

Senate Committee: Transportation

Complete to 5-17-18

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(Enacted as Public Act 219 of 2018)

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 459 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of highway M-52 beginning at the intersection of highway M-52 and Carleton Road in Lenawee County and extending south to the border between Michigan and Ohio as the "Trooper Calvin R. Jones Memorial Highway."

Proposed MCL 250.1020a

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Trooper Calvin R. Jones was killed in a patrol car crash on M-52 in Lenawee County on February 10, 1956. According to contemporary *Detroit Free Press* and *Ironwood Daily Globe* articles, Trooper Jones was chasing a speeding motorcycle on the outskirts of Blissfield in Lenawee County when his state police cruiser struck a car carrier. The truck sheared off the top of the police car, tossing its occupants onto the pavement. Trooper Jones, age 30, died instantly. A native of Waldron, Michigan, and a World War II veteran, Trooper Jones had worked for the Michigan State Police for five years. He was the eighteenth MSP officer to die in the line of duty. Dedicating a portion of highway M-52 to Trooper Jones would recognize his sacrifice and honor his commitment and dedication of service to the citizens of Michigan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2 of the Michigan Memorial Highway Act indicates that the state transportation department shall provide for the erection of suitable markers indicating the name of the highway only "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 Michigan Department of Transportation has no position on the bill. (5-15-18)

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