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ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 459 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Dale W. Zorn
Committee: Transportation

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RATIONALE

A native of Waldron, Michigan, Trooper Calvin R. Jones was killed in a patrol car crash on M-52 in Lenawee County on February 10, 1956, at the age of 30, while pursuing a speeding vehicle. He was a World War II veteran, and had worked for the Michigan State Police for five years. It has been suggested that a highway in Lenawee County be named after Trooper Jones to honor his sacrifice and public service.

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to name 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".

The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

Proposed MCL 250.1020a

ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

According to the Michigan State Police Troopers Association, while in pursuit of a speeding vehicle, Trooper Jones struck the rear corner of a truck he was trying to pass after the truck driver made a left turn. As a World War II veteran and five-year Michigan State Police veteran, Trooper Jones was dedicated to serving his community and fellow Americans. He was the 18th Michigan State Police officer to die in the line of duty. According to Senate Transportation Committee testimony, 53 State Police officers have died over the last 100 years. In Lenawee County alone, four officers have been killed, according to testimony. Naming a highway after Trooper Jones would be a fitting way to commemorate his military and public service and sacrifice.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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