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ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 960 (as enacted)
Sponsor: Senator Peter MacGregor
Senate Committee: Transportation
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

PUBLIC ACT 379 of 2018

Date Completed: 1-22-19

RATIONALE

Trooper Timothy J. O'Neill, a member of the Motor Unit, died in a traffic accident on September 20, 2017. Trooper O'Neill served as a State Trooper at the Rockford, MI post for three years. He was the 53rd Michigan State Police officer to die in the line of duty. In recognition of his service, it was suggested that a portion of Highway M-44 in Kent County be named after Trooper O'Neill.

CONTENT

The bill amends the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway M-44 in Kent County beginning at the intersection of Highway M-44 and Rogue River Road and extending northeast to the intersection of Highway M-44 and Belding Road as the "Michigan State Trooper Timothy O'Neill Memorial Highway".

The bill will take effect on March 19, 2019.

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BACKGROUND

Trooper Timothy J. O'Neill joined the Michigan State Police in 2014, after graduating as a member of the 126th Trooper Recruit School. Trooper O'Neill served at the Rockford Post and became a member of the Motor Unit in May 2017. On September 20, 2017, while riding his Department motorcycle in Plainfield Township, he was involved in a crash and suffered fatal injuries.

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

Naming a highway after Trooper O'Neill is a fitting way to commemorate his service, and his memory.

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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