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ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 960 (as passed by the Senate)  
Sponsor: Senator Peter MacGregor  
Committee: Transportation

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### **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 53<sup>rd</sup> Michigan State Police officer to die in the line of duty. In recognition of his service, it has been suggested that a portion of Highway M-44 in Kent County be named after Trooper O'Neill.

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend 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 would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

Proposed MCL 250.1021a

### **BACKGROUND**

Trooper Timothy J. O'Neill joined the Michigan State Police in 2014, after graduating as a member of the 126<sup>th</sup> 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 would be a fitting way to commemorate his service, and his memory.

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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