

# Legislative Analysis



## TROOPER RODGER M. ADAMS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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**Senate Bill 132 as reported from House committee**

**Sponsor: Sen. Dale W. Zorn**

**1st House Committee: Transportation**

**2nd House Committee: Ways and Means**

**Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure**

**Complete to 9-11-20**

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*(Enacted as Public Act 213 of 2020)*

### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 132 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of US-12 in Lenawee County beginning at highway M-52 and continuing west to Monagan Highway as the “Trooper Rodger M. Adams Memorial Highway.”

Currently, the act designates US-12 from Detroit to Lake Michigan as the “Pulaski Memorial Highway” and from Detroit to the Michigan-Indiana state line as the “Iron Brigade Memorial Highway.” The bill would exclude from these designations the portion of US-12 that it would name in honor of Trooper Rodger M. Adams, as described above.

Proposed MCL 250.2085

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to committee testimony and the Fallen Trooper Memorial, shortly after 1:15 a.m., on May 14, 1971, Trooper Adams and his partner were dispatched to investigate a traffic crash. Approximately one-half mile west of Tipton Highway, an oncoming car skidded around a curve and crossed the centerline of the roadway. Trooper Adams swerved but was unable to avoid the oncoming car. The two vehicles met head on. Trooper Adams was killed in the crash, and his partner was seriously injured. The driver of the other vehicle was also killed. Trooper Adams was the twenty-fifth Michigan State Police officer to die in the line of duty. He was 26 years of age.

Dedicating a portion of US-12 and a portion of highway M-52 in Lenawee County would recognize Trooper Adams’ 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 State Police indicated support for the bill. (9-9-20)

The Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (9-9-20)

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