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Senate Bill 169 (as introduced 3-7-19)
Sponsor: Senator Kevin Daley
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway M-15 beginning at the intersection of M-15 and Cass Avenue Road in Portsmouth Charter Township and extending north to the intersection of M-15 and Ridge Road in Bay City as the "Michael Cathcart Memorial Highway".

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

Proposed MCL 250.1084

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

BACKGROUND

Sergeant 1st Class Michael A. Cathcart was born in Bay City, Michigan. He graduated from Bay City Central High School and enlisted in the Army in 2001 as a Fire Support Specialist. After he completed Army Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training, he reported to the 101st Airborne Division. He served in this division for five years. He then volunteered for Special Forces in 2007 and was assigned two years later to the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group as senior engineer sergeant at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

On November 14, 2014, Sergeant 1st Class Michael A. Cathcart suffered fatal injuries in a small arms skirmish during a dismounted combat operation in the Kunduz Province of Afghanistan. He was 31 years old. Cathcart was highly decorated; his decorations included three Bronze Star Medals, the Purple Heart Medal, and four Army Commendation Medals.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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