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Senate Bill 169 (as enacted)  
Sponsor: Senator Kevin Daley  
Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure  
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Ways and Means

**PUBLIC ACT 51 of 2019**

Date Completed: 3-20-20

**RATIONALE**

After graduating from Bay City Central High School in 2001, Michael A. Cathcart enlisted in the Army as a Fire Support Specialist. He completed Army Basic Combat and Individual Training and reported to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, where he served for five years. He then volunteered for Special Forces in 2007 and was assigned for two years to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group, as senior engineer sergeant at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. On November 14, 2014, Sergeant 1st Class Cathcart suffered fatal injuries during a dismounted combat operation in the Kunduz Province of Afghanistan. To honor his sacrifice and service, it was suggested that a segment of Highway M-15 be named after Sergeant Cathcart.

**CONTENT**

The bill amended the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of 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 "Army Sergeant First Class Michael Cathcart Memorial Highway".

The bill took effect on December 26, 2019.

Proposed MCL 250.1084

**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**

Sergeant Michael A. Cathcart exemplified bravery and heroism during his service and was highly decorated. His decorations included three Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart Medal, and four Army Commendation Medals. Aside from his decorations and service, he is remembered by family and friends as a kind, courageous, and diligent young man. Naming a portion of Highway M-15 near his hometown is a fitting way to commemorate his legacy.

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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