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Senate Bill 435 (as introduced 8-20-19)
Sponsor: Senator Ken Horn
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-81 in Saginaw County beginning at the intersection with North Gera Road and extending east to the intersection with South Van Buren Road in Tuscola County as the "Staff Sergeant Eugene H. E. Alex Memorial Highway".

BACKGROUND

A native of Reese, Michigan, Staff Sergeant Eugene H. E. Alex was born on August 30, 1974. He graduated from Reese High School and later resided in Bay City. He worked in a granary after graduation, and in May 1996, Alex joined the United States Army. He served at Fort Knox in Kentucky, Fort Hood in Texas, and finally Fort Wainwright in Alaska, during which time he was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Comat Team. In the Fall 2005, Staff Sergeant Alex was deployed to Iraq to fight in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On August 30, 2006, in Baghdad, Iraq, Staff Sergeant Alex and his squadron encountered enemy forces and he sustained serious injuries during a small-arms skirmish. He was transported to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany. On September 2, 2006, Staff Sergeant Alex's family decided to remove him from life support after physicians gave him no chance for meaningful recovery. He was 32 years old.

Proposed MCL 250.2075a

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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