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House Bill 4060 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Leslie Love
House Committee: Transportation
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Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate a portion of Highway M-10 in the city of Detroit beginning at the intersection with Livernois Avenue and extending south to the intersection with Highway I-94 as the "Aretha L. Franklin Memorial Highway".

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

BACKGROUND

Born in Memphis, Tennessee in 1942, Aretha L. Franklin demonstrated natural talents for singing and playing the piano at a young age. During her youth, Aretha Franklin's family relocated to Detroit, MI, where she honed her skills and recorded some of her earliest tracks at her father's church.

As her career accelerated, Franklin received her nickname the "Queen of Soul". After singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, she also became a symbol for the Civil Rights Movement. Franklin highlighted her career by becoming the first female artist to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987 and winning 18 Grammy Awards throughout her career, the most recent in 2008.

Aretha L. Franklin died on August 16, 2018, from complications with pancreatic cancer. Her public viewing was held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, and her funeral was held in the city's Greater Grace Temple on August 31, 2018.

Proposed MCL 250.1083

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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