

Legislative Analysis



PATROLMAN BOBBY LYNN WILLIAMS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 4832 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Bronna Kahle
Committee: Transportation
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(Enacted as Public Act 100 of 2021)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4832 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate highway M-34 between South Main Street and South Madison Street in the city of Adrian as the "Patrolman Bobby Lynn Williams Memorial Highway."

Proposed MCL 250.1107

BACKGROUND:

According to committee testimony and the Officer Down Memorial Page, Bobby Lynn Williams was born in Michigan on April 30, 1947. He joined the Adrian Police Department as a patrolman in 1973, serving for two years. At approximately 6:00 a.m. on the morning of June 30, 1975, while responding to a dispatched call, Patrolman Williams stopped a vehicle that was involved in a robbery at a service station and in the kidnapping of the attendant there. As he approached the vehicle, the driver shot him. Patrolman Williams was able to return fire to disable the vehicle but died of his injuries. He was 28 years old.

Dedicating a portion of highway M-34 in the city of Adrian to the memory of Patrolman Bobby Lynn Williams would be an appropriate way to recognize and honor his commitment to professional police services to promote a peaceful and safe environment in the city of Adrian and the state 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 Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (6-15-21)

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