

Legislative Analysis



SERGEANT CRAIG S. FRANK MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 5712 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Cara Clemente

Committee: Transportation

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(Enacted as Public Act 163 of 2022)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 5712 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of highway M-85 between Goddard Road and West Outer Drive in the city of Lincoln Park as the “Sgt. Craig S. Frank Memorial Highway.”

Proposed MCL 250.1052a

BACKGROUND:

According to committee testimony and online sources, Craig S. Frank was born in Lincoln Park to Timothy and Linda Frank on August 6, 1979. He was a graduate of Lincoln Park High School and a proud member of the Junior ROTC. He attended Henry Ford Community College and then enrolled at Eastern Michigan University, where he studied to be a teacher of history and developed an interest in law enforcement. He joined Pontiac’s 1776th Military Police Company in 2001, but was sent to Iraq with the 1775th Military Police Company from Taylor. In 2003, his unit was activated for duty during Operation Enduring Freedom.

After returning home on June 10, 2004, to be with his father, who was undergoing open heart surgery, Craig returned to Iraq for his second extension of duty. On July 17, he and his fellow soldiers were driving in Benji, guarding a convoy from Kuwait to north of Baghdad, when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. He died of his injuries. He was 24 years old. Craig S. Frank was posthumously promoted to the rank of sergeant and received a bronze star medal and purple heart.

Dedicating a portion of highway M-85 in Lincoln Park to Sergeant Craig S. Frank would be an appropriate way to recognize and honor his sacrifice to our country, our state, and his commitment to being “always ready, always there.”

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 Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (2-22-22)

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