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House Bill 5717 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Amos O'Neal  
House Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure  
Senate Committee: Veterans and Emergency Services

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## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway I-75 in Saginaw County, beginning at Willard Road and extending north to Riverview Road, as the "Trooper Joel E. Popp Memorial Highway".

In addition, the bill would repeal Section 30c of the Act, which designates the portion of Highway M-53 in Macomb County beginning at the intersection with 17 Mile Road and continuing north to the interchange with Hall Road as the "Officer Leroy Imus Memorial Highway". Instead, the bill would designate the portion of Highway M-53 in Macomb County beginning at the intersection with 18 Mile Road and continuing north to the interchange with Hall Road as the "Officer Leroy Imus Memorial Highway". A sign designating the location of the "Officer Leroy Imus Memorial Highway" would have to be placed at the northbound intersection of Highway M-53 and 18 Mile Road and on the southern side of the southbound intersection of Highway M-53 and 20 Mile Road.

Proposed MCL 250.1105a

## **BACKGROUND**

Joel E. Popp was born in Bridgeport Township in 1984. He enlisted with the Michigan State Police in January 2020 and graduated as a member of the 137<sup>th</sup> Trooper Recruit School. After graduation, he was assigned to the Tri-City Post, where he remained for the four years he served. On January 24, 2024, Trooper Popp investigated a suspected impaired driver who was stopped in a curved lane of travel. While investigating, another driver struck two patrol cars and Trooper Popp, who was outside his patrol vehicle. Trooper Popp was transported to Hurley Medical Center, where he succumbed to his injuries. He was 39 years old.

Leroy Imus was born in Howell in 1939. He served in the United States Navy until he was honorably discharged. He became a Sterling Heights Police Officer on September 12, 1966. Officer Imus graduated from the Northwestern School of Staff and Command, received several merits during his service, and had been named "Policeman of the Month". On December 2, 1971, Officer Imus was killed returning to his patrol car during a traffic stop when a car swerved out of its lane and struck him and his patrol car. He was 32 years old.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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