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FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 522, HOUSE BILL NO. 34, HOUSE BILL NO. 133,
HOUSE BILL NO. 134, HOUSE BILL NO. 810,
HOUSE BILL NO. 338 & HOUSE BILL NO. 873

AN ACT

To repeal section 227.297, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to bridge and highway designations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,
AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section A. Section 227.297, RSMo, is repealed and ten new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
3 227.297, 227.380, 227.417, 227.419, 227.428, 227.523, 227.524,
4 227.525, 227.526, and 227.527, to read as follows:

5 227.297. 1. This section establishes [an interchange] a
6 designation program, to be known as the "Heroes Way [Interchange]
7 Designation Program", to honor the fallen Missouri heroes who
8 have been killed in action while performing active military duty
9 with the Armed Forces [in Afghanistan or Iraq on or after
10 September 11, 2001]. The signs shall be placed upon interstate
11 or state-numbered highway interchanges or upon bridges or
12 segments of highway on the state highway system in accordance
13 with this section, and any applicable federal and state
14 limitations or conditions on highway signage, including location
15 and spacing.

1 2. Any person who is related by marriage, adoption, or
2 consanguinity within the second degree to a member of the United
3 States Armed Forces who was killed in action while performing
4 active military duty with the Armed Forces [in Afghanistan or
5 Iraq on or after September 11, 2001], and who was a resident of
6 this state at the time he or she was killed in action, may apply
7 for [an interchange] a designation under the provisions of this
8 section.

9 3. Any person described under subsection 2 of this section
10 who desires to have an interstate or state numbered highway
11 interchange or bridge or segment of highway on the state highway
12 system designated after his or her family member shall petition
13 the department of transportation by submitting the following:

14 (1) An application in a form prescribed by the director,
15 describing the interstate or state numbered highway interchange
16 or bridge or segment of highway on the state highway system for
17 which the designation is sought and the proposed name of the
18 interchange, bridge or relevant segment of highway. The
19 application shall include the name of at least one current member
20 of the general assembly who will sponsor the [interchange]
21 designation. The application may contain written testimony for
22 support of the [interchange] designation;

23 (2) Proof that the family member killed in action was a
24 member of the United States Armed Forces and proof that such
25 family member was in fact killed in action while performing
26 active military duty with the United States Armed Forces [in
27 Afghanistan or Iraq on or after September 11, 2001]. Acceptable
28 proof shall be a statement from the Missouri veterans commission

1 or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs so certifying
2 such facts;

3 (3) By signing a form provided by the Missouri
4 transportation department, the applicant shall certify that the
5 applicant is related by marriage, adoption, or consanguinity
6 within the second degree to the member of the United States Armed
7 Forces who was killed in action; and

8 (4) A fee to be determined by the commission to cover the
9 costs of constructing and maintaining the proposed interchange,
10 bridge, or highway signs. The fee shall not exceed the cost of
11 constructing and maintaining each sign.

12 4. All moneys received by the department of transportation
13 for the construction and maintenance of interchange, bridge, or
14 highway signs shall be deposited in the state treasury to the
15 credit of the state road fund.

16 5. The documents and fees required under this section shall
17 be submitted to the department of transportation.

18 6. The department of transportation shall submit for
19 approval or disapproval all applications for [interchange]
20 designations to the joint committee on transportation oversight.
21 The joint committee on transportation oversight may review such
22 applications at any scheduled meeting convened pursuant to
23 section 21.795. If satisfied with the application and all its
24 contents, the committee shall approve the application. The
25 committee shall notify the department of transportation upon the
26 approval or denial of an application for [an interchange] a
27 designation.

28 7. The department of transportation shall give notice of

1 any proposed [interchange] designation under this section in a
2 manner reasonably calculated to advise the public of such
3 proposal. Reasonable notice shall include posting the proposal
4 for the designation on the department's official public website
5 and making available copies of the sign designation application
6 to any representative of the news media or public upon request
7 and posting the application on a bulletin board or other
8 prominent public place which is easily accessible to the public
9 and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office.

10 8. If the memorial [interchange] designation request is not
11 approved by the joint committee on transportation oversight,
12 ninety-seven percent of the application fee shall be refunded to
13 the applicant.

14 9. Two signs shall be erected for each interchange, bridge,
15 or highway designation processed under this section.

16 10. No interchange, bridge, or highway may be named or
17 designated after more than one member of the United States Armed
18 Forces killed in action. Such person shall only be eligible for
19 one interchange, bridge, or highway designation under the
20 provisions of this section.

21 11. Any highway signs erected for any [interchange]
22 designation under the provisions of this section shall be erected
23 and maintained for a twenty-year period. After such period, the
24 signs shall be subject to removal by the department of
25 transportation and the interchange, bridge, or highway may be
26 designated to honor persons other than the current designee. An
27 existing [interchange] designation processed under the provisions
28 of this section may be retained for additional twenty-year

1 increments if, at least one year before the designation's
2 expiration, an application to the department of transportation is
3 made to retain the designation along with the required documents
4 and all applicable fees required under this section.

5 227.380. The portion of State Highway 115 in St. Louis City
6 from the intersection of Natural Bridge Avenue and Salisbury
7 Street west to the intersection of State Highway 115 and Jennings
8 Station Road shall be designated the "Theodore McNeal Highway".
9 Cost for such designation shall be paid by private donations.

10 227.417. The portion of U.S. Highway 160 in Ozark County
11 from the bridge that crosses Bryant Creek to a location two and
12 one-half miles east of such bridge shall be known as the "Jerry
13 Corp Memorial Highway". The costs for such designation shall be
14 paid by private donations.

15 227.419. The portion of Highway 63 from the Adair-Macon
16 County line to the northern border of the city limits of the city
17 of Kirksville shall be designated the "Harriet Beard Highway".
18 The department of transportation shall erect and maintain
19 appropriate signs designating such highway with costs to be paid
20 by private donations.

21 227.428. The portion of Business Highway 71 from the
22 Interstate 29 intersection traveling north for two miles and
23 located in Andrew County shall be designated as the "Randy Bever
24 Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect
25 and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway with the
26 cost for such designation to be paid by private donation.

27 227.523. The bridge on Highway CC crossing over North Fork
28 White River in Ozark County shall be designated the "Irwin C.

1 Cudworth Memorial Bridge". The department of transportation
2 shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such
3 bridge, with the costs of such designation to be paid for by
4 private donations.

5 227.524. The portion of Highway 10 from the western border
6 of the city limits of Norborne in Carroll County to the eastern
7 border of the city limits of Hardin in Ray County shall be
8 designated the "Ray-Carroll County Veterans Memorial Highway".
9 The department of transportation shall erect and maintain
10 appropriate signs designating such highway with costs to be paid
11 by private donations.

12 227.525. The portion of U.S. Highway 160 in Ripley County
13 which is located within the city limits of Doniphan shall be
14 designated the "Billy Yates Highway". The department of
15 transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs
16 designating such highway, with the costs to be paid for by
17 private donation.

18 227.526. The portion of Highway 54 from the Grand Glaize
19 Bridge in Camden County to Key Largo Road in Camden County shall
20 be designated the "Veterans Memorial Expressway". The department
21 of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs
22 designating such highway with costs to be paid by private
23 donations.

24 227.527. The portion of State Highway 21 from State Route U
25 continuing through the city of Lesterville to Elm Street in
26 Lesterville located in Reynolds County shall be designated as the
27 "Donald Lee Cook Memorial Highway". The department of
28 transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs

1 designating such highway with the cost for such designation to be
2 paid by private donation.