

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]
SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE 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**
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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:

Section A. Section 227.297, RSMo, is repealed and ten new sections enacted in lieu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

227.297. 1. This section establishes [an interchange] a designation program, to be
2 known as the "Heroes Way [Interchange] Designation Program", to honor the fallen Missouri
3 heroes who have been killed in action while performing active military duty with the Armed
4 Forces [in Afghanistan or Iraq on or after September 11, 2001]. The signs shall be placed upon
5 interstate or state-numbered highway interchanges **or upon bridges or segments of highway**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

6 **on the state highway system** in accordance with this section, and any applicable federal and
7 state limitations or conditions on highway signage, including location and spacing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 4. All moneys received by the department of transportation for the construction and
35 maintenance of interchange, **bridge, or highway** signs shall be deposited in the state treasury
36 to the credit of the state road fund.

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

39 6. The department of transportation shall submit for approval or disapproval all
40 applications for [interchange] designations to the joint committee on transportation oversight.
41 The joint committee on transportation oversight may review such applications at any scheduled
42 meeting convened pursuant to section 21.795. If satisfied with the application and all its
43 contents, the committee shall approve the application. The committee shall notify the

44 department of transportation upon the approval or denial of an application for [an interchange]
45 a designation.

46 7. The department of transportation shall give notice of any proposed [interchange]
47 designation under this section in a manner reasonably calculated to advise the public of such
48 proposal. Reasonable notice shall include posting the proposal for the designation on the
49 department's official public website and making available copies of the sign designation
50 application to any representative of the news media or public upon request and posting the
51 application on a bulletin board or other prominent public place which is easily accessible to the
52 public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office.

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

56 9. Two signs shall be erected for each interchange, **bridge, or highway** designation
57 processed under this section.

58 10. No interchange, **bridge, or highway** may be named or designated after more than
59 one member of the United States Armed Forces killed in action. Such person shall only be
60 eligible for one interchange, **bridge, or highway** designation under the provisions of this
61 section.

62 11. Any highway signs erected for any [interchange] designation under the provisions
63 of this section shall be erected and maintained for a twenty-year period. After such period, the
64 signs shall be subject to removal by the department of transportation and the interchange, **bridge,**
65 **or highway** may be designated to honor persons other than the current designee. An existing
66 [interchange] designation processed under the provisions of this section may be retained for
67 additional twenty-year increments if, at least one year before the designation's expiration, an
68 application to the department of transportation is made to retain the designation along with the
69 required documents and all applicable fees required under this section.

**227.380. The portion of State Highway 115 in St. Louis City from the intersection
2 of Natural Bridge Avenue and Salisbury Street west to the intersection of State Highway
3 115 and Jennings Station Road shall be designated the "Theodore McNeal Highway".
4 Cost for such designation shall be paid by private donations.**

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

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

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

227.523. The bridge on Highway CC crossing over North Fork White River in Ozark County shall be designated the "Irwin C. Cudworth Memorial Bridge". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such bridge, with the costs of such designation to be paid for by private donations.

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

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

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

227.527. The portion of State Highway 21 from State Route U continuing through the city of Lesterville to Elm Street in Lesterville located in Reynolds County shall be designated as the "Donald Lee Cook Memorial Highway". The department of transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway with the cost for such designation to be paid by private donation.

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