

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 311

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to memorial highway designations;
8 amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 1600, as last amended
9 by Section 1, Chapter 257, O.S.L. 2016 (69 O.S. Supp.
10 2016, Section 1600), which relates to payment for
11 costs of signage; modifying certain exemptions from
12 payment; adding certain definition; amending Section
13 12, Chapter 372, O.S.L. 2013, as amended by Section
14 1, Chapter 61, O.S.L. 2015 (69 O.S. Supp. 2016,
15 Section 1600.1), which relates to memorial
16 dedications; modifying certain definition; providing
17 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 1600, as
20 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 257, O.S.L. 2016 (69 O.S. Supp.
21 2016, Section 1600), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1600. A. The cost associated with signage related to
23 the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway system shall
24 be paid by the group sponsoring or requesting the sign. The
provisions of this section shall not apply to the naming of highways
and bridges on the state highway system designed to honor members of
the United States Armed Forces who were killed while participating

1 in contingency operations ~~and members of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol~~
2 ~~fallen in the performance of their duties~~ or emergency first
3 responders fallen in the performance of their duties.

4 B. As used in this section, ~~the term "contingency:~~

5 1. "Contingency operation" means a military operation that:

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7 a. is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an
8 operation in which members of the armed forces are or
9 may become involved in military actions, operations or
10 hostilities against an enemy of the United States or
11 against an opposing military force~~r,~~ or

12 ~~2. Results~~

13 b. results in the call or order to, or retention on,
14 active duty of members of the uniformed services under
15 Section 688, 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12304a, 12305 or
16 12406 of Title 10 U.S.C., Chapter 15 of Title 10
17 U.S.C., Section 712 of Title 14 U.S.C., or any other
18 provision of law during a war or during a national
19 emergency declared by the President or Congress.

20 2. "Emergency first responders" means any federal, state and
21 local governmental and nongovernmental emergency public safety
22 personnel including fire, law enforcement, emergency response,
23 emergency medical and related personnel.

1 C. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules
2 establishing a procedure to assess and collect the cost of the
3 signs. The assessment of cost shall include the cost of the initial
4 erection of the sign as well as the potential replacement or
5 reconstruction of the sign. The cost of these signs shall be based
6 on an average of the cost of signs erected during the preceding
7 fiscal year, as reported by the Department of Transportation.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 12, Chapter 372, O.S.L.
9 2013, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 61, O.S.L. 2015 (69 O.S.
10 Supp. 2016, Section 1600.1), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 1600.1. Highways, bridges, and other facilities which
12 are part of the state highway system may be considered for
13 dedication in honor of individuals deserving of commendation for
14 their active involvement in the project or for outstanding service
15 to the nation, this state, or their community. Persons proposed to
16 be so honored shall have been deceased not less than three (3) years
17 prior to consideration. The provisions of this section shall not
18 apply to the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway
19 system designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces,
20 ~~members of law enforcement or firefighters fallen in the performance~~
21 ~~of their duties~~ emergency first responders as defined by Section
22 1600 of this title. The provisions of this section shall also not
23 apply to the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway
24 system designed to honor Medal of Honor recipients both living and

1 deceased. Proposals for the dedication of state highway facilities
2 should specifically state the accomplishments upon which the
3 proposal is based.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

5 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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