

HOUSE BILL 2297

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AN ACT to name a portion of State Highway 28 the "Veterans Memorial Highway."

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces, and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made many sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it fitting to name a portion of State Highway 28 which traverses Sequatchie and Marion Counties in honor and commemoration of all those brave sons and daughters who sacrificed personal concerns, time with family, and their safety, with many of them making the ultimate sacrifice, so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Highway 28 from the intersection of John Burch Road West in Sequatchie County to the intersection of Highway 108 in Marion County is hereby designated as the "Veterans Memorial Highway" in honor of the many brave men and women in the armed forces who have served this great country.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of State Highway 28 as the "Veterans Memorial Highway."

SECTION 3. This act shall not apply to those portions of State Highway 28 that have been previously designated or named.

SECTION 4. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 6. This act shall become operative only if the cost of manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.