

Legislative Analysis



VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAYS

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House Bill 5089 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Lightner
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5089 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate portions of highway M-60 in Jackson County as follows:

- From Emerson Road to North Cross Road would be known as the “WWII Veterans Lynford Graham, Melvin King, and Vernon Smalley Memorial Highway.”
- From North Cross Road to North Main Street would be known as the “Vietnam War Veterans Timothy Ballinger, Robert Jenks, and James Morgan Memorial Highway.”
- From North Main Street to Van Wert Road would be known as the “Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran Donald Wheeler Jr. Memorial Highway.”

The act now designates highway M-60 in Jackson County from Fairway Drive to Emerson Road as the “Sergeant Matthew R. Soper Memorial Highway.”

The proposed designations of the portions of M-60 described above would be in addition to, and would not replace, that current designation

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2 of the Michigan Memorial Highway Act indicates that the state transportation department shall provide for the erection of suitable markers indicating the name of the highway only “when sufficient private contributions are received to completely cover the cost of erecting and maintaining those markers.” As a result, the bill has no state or local fiscal impact.

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