



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 84 of the 129th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Rosenberger

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates two portions of road within Clinton County as memorial highways

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may incur minimal costs to install suitable signs along the designated portions of road in Clinton County outside of the boundaries of municipal corporations. ODOT may also incur minimal costs to provide memorial highway markers to the city of Wilmington and to the village of Sabina for the designated portions of road within their boundaries. However, ODOT would charge a fee to these municipal corporations commensurate with sign manufacturing costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Wilmington and the village of Sabina may incur minimal costs if they choose to install markers on the designated portions of road within their boundaries. There may also be maintenance costs for repairs if the signs are damaged.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates State Route 73 within Clinton County as the "Sgt. Steven Conover – Veterans Memorial Highway" and State Route 729 within Clinton County as the "Lance Cpl. Brett Wightman – Veterans Memorial Highway." Much of both of these routes are classified as rural by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). However, each designated road also contains portions that run through municipal corporations, specifically the city of Wilmington and the village of Sabina.

Ohio's Traffic Engineering Manual directs that signs for memorial highways established by the legislature under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code on U.S. and state routes on the rural state highway system should be furnished and installed by the appropriate ODOT district. However, signs for memorial highways on U.S. and state routes inside municipal corporations are the responsibility of the municipal corporation. However, ODOT may furnish the signs to the municipal corporation for a fee commensurate with the sign's manufacturing costs. As a result, ODOT would likely install any signs on the designated routes outside of the municipal corporations while the municipal corporations would be responsible for the cost of any signs they choose to erect within their boundaries.

According to ODOT, the current costs to manufacture, install, and maintain a single set of flatsheet signs at one location are estimated to be about \$600, depending on size, equipment, materials, and frequency of repair. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are knocked down or damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.

When a highway is designated as a memorial, the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices directs that the memorial marker(s) should first be installed in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker may be installed along the highway instead. Two markers are usually installed at each location, one in each direction.