



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Am. Sub. H.B. 19 of the 130th G.A.](#) **Date:** February 14, 2014
Status: As Passed by the Senate **Sponsor:** Rep. Thompson

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates various memorial highways

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur minimal costs to the highway operating fund to install signs marking most of the designated memorial highways under the bill. If any of the municipalities in the bill opt to have ODOT supply the signs, they would be charged for the cost but would still be responsible for the cost of installation.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The cities or villages containing designated memorial highways entirely within their borders are responsible for the full cost of any signage for the memorial highways designated within their boundaries. Overall, these costs are minimal.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

New memorial highways

The bill designates 11 new memorial highways on portions of various state routes, United States highways, and interstate highways throughout Ohio. The following table summarizes these highways in the order that they appear in the bill, including the location of the highway and the entity responsible for paying any signage costs.

Memorial Highway Designations in Am. Sub. H.B. 19			
Designation	Road to be Named	County (Municipality, if applicable)	Entity Responsible for Signage Costs
U.S. Army Specialist Ryan A. Martin Memorial Highway	SR-3	Knox County	ODOT
Sfc. Charles L. Adkins Memorial Highway	SR-101	Erie County	ODOT
Lance Corporal Jeremy S. Shock Memorial Highway	SR-19	Sandusky County, Seneca County (Green Springs)	Village of Green Springs
Corporal Ernest G. Madden Memorial Highway	SR-45	Columbiana County (Wellsville)	Village of Wellsville
U.S. Army Specialist Allen Nolan Memorial Highway	SR-676	Washington County	ODOT
USMC Sgt. Nathaniel Shae Rock Memorial Highway	SR-7	Jefferson County	ODOT
Spc. Adam S. Hamilton Memorial Highway	SR-43	Portage County (Kent)	City of Kent
Officer William J. Hetrick Memorial Highway	SR-51	Ottawa County	ODOT
Marine Corporal Paul W. Zanowick II Memorial Highway	SR-725	Montgomery County (Miamisburg)	City of Miamisburg
Pfc. Jeffrey L. Rice Memorial Highway	SR-55	Miami County	ODOT
Lt. Miroslav Steven Zilberman Memorial Highway	I-270	Franklin County	ODOT

The cost of signage to mark the highways is paid either by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) or the municipal corporation through which the roadway passes, pursuant to ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual.¹ In most cases above, ODOT will be responsible for the costs of installing signs to mark the designated roads. In cases where municipal corporations contain designated memorial highways entirely within their boundaries, the municipalities would be responsible for reimbursing ODOT for all signage costs. In other cases, where only a portion of a designated memorial highway passes through a municipal corporation, ODOT and the involved municipalities may share the costs, as those designated highways are not entirely contained within municipal boundaries.

Overall, ODOT and the associated municipalities would incur no more than minimal costs to install signs on each of the designated memorial highways in the bill. According to ODOT, the cost to manufacture and install a single set of flatsheet signs at one location is approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, depending on sign size and equipment needed. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years. When a highway or bridge is designated as a memorial, ODOT's policy is to install a marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the highway or near the bridge instead. For highways designated in two directions, two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

Change to existing memorial highway

The bill amends the name of an existing memorial highway to reflect a change in rank. Under the bill, the Army Private Keith Nepesa Memorial Highway is renamed to the Army Corporal Keith Nepesa Memorial Highway. The cost of any alterations to signage resulting from this change will be negligible.

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¹ Under ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual, for memorial highways designated in Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code, municipalities that opt to install signs designating memorial highways are responsible for reimbursing ODOT for those signage costs on United States routes and state routes within their borders, while ODOT covers the costs of memorial highway signs outside municipal borders and interstate highways within municipal borders.