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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 99 (as enacted)
Sponsor: Senator Mike Nofs
Senate Committee: Transportation
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

PUBLIC ACT 30 of 2015

Date Completed: 4-6-17

RATIONALE

On May 9, 2005, LaVern Brann, a detective with the Battle Creek Police Department, was shot and killed while investigating the murder of a taxi driver. His partner, Detective Greg Huggett, was wounded in the shooting. In 2007, the shooter was convicted on a number of charges related to the killing of Detective Brann and sentenced to life in prison without parole. He later pleaded no contest to the murder of the taxi driver. Detective Brann had served with the Battle Creek Police Department for 20 years and was active in his community. It was suggested that a stretch of highway in Battle Creek should be named in Detective Brann's honor.

CONTENT

The bill amended the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Business Loop I-94 between the eastern and western city limits of the City of Battle Creek as the "Detective LaVern S. Brann Memorial Highway".

The bill took effect on May 18, 2015.

MCL 250.1089a

ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

Detective LaVern Brann had a distinguished career with the Battle Creek Police Department, working in narcotics, crisis negotiation, emergency response, and violent crime investigation. He served as a community service officer, field training officer, and bloodborne pathogen coordinator, and was named the Department's "Officer of the Year" in 2002. He also received numerous accolades for his community involvement, which included service on the Pennfield Schools board of education as well as participation in the Peer Listening program, the American Red Cross, the Emergency Preparedness Expo, and the Substance Abuse Council. The Veterans of Foreign Wars named him "Police Officer of the Year" and he also was honored by the American Red Cross and the Advocates at St. Philip. It is a fitting recognition of his service and sacrifice to put his name on a stretch of highway in the community that he served with such dedication.

Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill has no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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