

SENATE BILL NO. 1081

June 14, 2022, Introduced by Senator BARRETT and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," by amending the title and section 2 (MCL 250.1002) and by adding section 2a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 TITLE
2 An act to consolidate prior acts naming certain Michigan
3 highways; to provide for the naming of certain highways; to
4 prescribe certain duties of the state transportation department **and**
5 **the transportation asset management council;** and to repeal acts and

1 parts of acts and certain resolutions.

2 Sec. 2. The state transportation department shall ~~only~~ provide
3 **only** for the erection and maintenance of suitable markers at the
4 approach of any of the highways **that are** described in this act,
5 ~~when or are designated a memorial highway by the transportation~~
6 **asset management council under section 2a, if** sufficient private
7 contributions are received to pay the cost of erecting and
8 maintaining those markers.

9 **Sec. 2a. (1) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory**
10 **act that added this section, the transportation asset management**
11 **council shall designate memorial highways under this act.**

12 **(2) The council may designate a memorial highway under this**
13 **act only for an individual who did either of the following:**

14 **(a) Died in the line of duty in 1 of the following**
15 **circumstances:**

16 **(i) In service to this state or a local community.**

17 **(ii) While serving in the United States Armed Forces.**

18 **(b) Demonstrated acts of great heroism or valor that**
19 **disregarded his or her own safety to protect the lives of others.**

20 **(3) The council shall do all of the following:**

21 **(a) Create an electronic application form that must be made**
22 **available on the council's website for the public to submit**
23 **applications to designate a memorial highway under this act.**

24 **(b) Meet not less than 2 times per year to discuss, and**
25 **approve or reject, applications to designate a memorial highway**
26 **under this act.**

27 **(c) Develop procedures to notify an applicant that his or her**
28 **application to designate a memorial highway under this act has been**
29 **approved or rejected.**

1 (4) As used in this section, "transportation asset management
2 council" or "council" means the transportation asset management
3 council created under section 9a of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.659a.