

Legislative Analysis



OFFICER LEROY IMUS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 5151 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Nate Shannon

Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5151 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate highway M-53 in Macomb County, from its intersection with 17 Mile Road to the Hall Road (highway M-59) interchange, as the “Officer Leroy Imus Memorial Highway.”

Proposed MCL 250.1030c

BACKGROUND:

According to committee testimony and online sources, Leroy Imus was born November 11, 1939, in Howell, Michigan. He proudly served in the United States Navy as a TM3 trained to handle torpedoes, missiles, and anti-submarine rockets. After an honorable discharge, on September 12, 1966, Leroy joined the Sterling Heights Police Department. During his five years as a Sterling Heights Police Officer, Officer Imus attended and graduated from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, received several merits and departmental citations, and was also named “Policeman of the Month.”

In the early morning hours of December 2, 1971, Officer Imus made a routine traffic stop on the M-53 expressway north of 18 Mile Road. As Officer Imus was returning to his patrol car, a vehicle swerved out of its travel lane, striking him and his patrol car, then fled. Officer Imus died of his injuries. He was 32 years of age.

Designating a portion of M-53 in Macomb County to the memory of Officer Leroy Imus would be an appropriate way to honor his service and dedication to his community, our state, and our nation.

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.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Sterling Heights Police Department testified in support of the bill.
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