

SS SB 258 -- MILITARY AFFAIRS

This bill modifies numerous provisions of laws relating to military affairs, including the classification of members of the National Guard and infrastructure and armory designations for members of the military.

CLASSIFICATION OF MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS (Section 41.201, RSMo)

This bill provides that service members of the Missouri National Guard will be considered state employees for the purposes of operating state-owned vehicles for official state business unless the members are called into active federal military service by order of the President of the United States.

MEMORIAL ARMORY DESIGNATION (Section 41.676)

This bill designates the National Guard armory located in or nearest to Joplin as the "Sergeant Robert Wayne Crow Jr. Memorial Armory".

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS (Sections 143.1032, 227.229, 301.020, 302.171, and Section 1)

This bill creates the "Missouri Medal of Honor Recipients Fund" to consist of moneys donated as provided in the bill. Monies in the Fund will be transferred upon request, but not less than monthly, to the Department of Transportation to pay any renewal fee for memorial bridge or memorial highway signs for Missouri Medal of Honor recipients, and for the maintenance and repair of all such signs.

The bill provides for Missouri citizens to make donations to the Fund with their tax returns, vehicle registration application, or driver's license application. Additionally, the Department of Revenue will provide notification of the payment transfer to the credit of the State Road Fund to the Department of Transportation.

The bill also provides that Missouri recipients of the Medal of Honor will not be eligible for the administrative process for limited-duration memorial highway and bridge designations and provides that the costs of signs designating the infrastructure for Medal of Honor Recipients will be funded by the Department of Transportation.

PURPLE HEART TRAILS (Sections 227.463, 227.464, 227.465, 227.466, and 227.467)

This bill designates specified highways as "Purple Heart Trails" that honor military veterans who have received purple heart medals. The sections to be named are:

(1) The portion of Interstate 29 from its intersection of Interstate 70/U.S. State Highway 71/40 in Jackson County north to the bridge crossing over Nishnabotna River in Atchison County, except for those portions of Interstate 29 previously designated as of August 28, 2021;

(2) The portion of Interstate 55 from State Highway O in Pemiscot County to U.S. Highway 40 in St. Louis City, except for those portions of Interstate 55 previously designated as of August 28, 2021;

(3) The portion of Interstate 57 from the Missouri/Illinois state line in Mississippi County continuing south to U.S. State Highway 60/State Highway AA in Scott County; and

(4) The portion of Interstate 64 from Interstate 70 from the city of Wentzville in St. Charles County continuing east to Interstate 55 at the Missouri/Illinois state line in St. Louis City, except for those portions of Interstate 64/US40/US61 previously designated as of August 28, 2021.

The cost of signage for these designations will be paid by private donation.

Additionally, this bill provides that a highway's classification as a "Purple Heart Trail" will not prevent a segment of such highway from being additionally designated as a memorial highway.

MEMORIAL HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE DESIGNATIONS (Sections 227.229, 227.450, 227.477, 227.478, 227.486, 227.488, 227.489, 227.490, 227.495, 227.496, 227.497, 227.498, 227.777, 227.780, 227.781, 227.782, 227.783, 227.784, 227.785, and 227.793)

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to post a link on its website to biographical information of persons honored with designations on the state highway system after August 28, 2021.

This bill designates a portion of US Highway 60 from the intersection of State Route O to the intersection of Leadhill Drive in Wright County as the "Spc. Justin Blake Carter Memorial Highway".

This bill designates a portion of U.S. Business 71 from State Highway 76 West to State Highway EE in McDonald County as the "Army PFC Christopher Lee Marion Memorial Highway".

This bill designates a portion of U.S. State Highway 160 from West BYP to County Road 115 in Greene County as the "Otis E Moore Memorial Highway".

This bill designates a portion of Highway 60 from CRD Mockingbird Road continuing east to State Highway PP in Webster County as the "Army SGT Timothy J Sutton Memorial Highway".

This bill designates the bridge on U.S. Highway 63 crossing over Business 63 in Adair County as the "U.S. Army SGT Brandon Maggart Memorial Bridge".

This bill designates the bridge on U.S. Highway 63 crossing the BSNF Railroad/Marceline Sub in La Plata in Macon County as the "U.S. Army PFC Adam L Thomas Memorial Bridge".

This bill designates the bridge on U.S. State Highway 63 crossing over Patterson Street in Adair County as the "U.S. Army SFC Matthew C Lewellen Memorial Bridge".

This bill designates that portion of U.S. State Highway 54 from State Highway E to State Highway D in Cole County as the U.S. Army Specialist Michael Campbell Memorial Highway".

This bill designates a portion of State Highway T from one-half mile west of Laretto Ridge Drive to Decker Road in the town of Labadie in Franklin County as the "Medal of Honor PVT George Phillips Memorial Highway".

This bill designates the portion of U.S. State Highway 63 from Spruce Street to McKay Street within the city of Macon in Macon County as the "US Army Sergeant Hugh C Dunn Memorial Highway".

This bill designates the portion of Interstate 64 from Winghaven Boulevard to Prospect Road within the city of Lake St. Louis in St. Charles County as the "US Navy SEAL Scotty Wirtz Memorial Highway".

This bill designates the bridge on State Highway 17 crossing over the BSNF Railroad south of the city of Crocker in Pulaski County as "US Navy FA Paul Akers Jr Memorial Bridge".

This bill designates that portion of State Highway 163 from Stadium Boulevard/State Highway 740 continuing south to Mick Deaver Drive in Boone County as the "PFC Dale Raymond Jackson Memorial Highway".

The bill designates that portion of State Highway 163 from Mick Deaver Drive to Old Route K in Boone County as the "Corporal Steven Lee Irvin Memorial Highway".

The bill designates that portion of State Highway 163 from Old Route K to Green Meadows Drive in Boone County as the "CPL Daniel Joseph Heibel Memorial Highway".

The bill designates that portion of State Highway 163 from Green Meadows Drive to Nifong in Boone County to "LCPL Larry Harold Coleman Memorial Highway".

This bill designates that portion of U.S. State Highway 63 crossing over Beaver Creek in Phelps County as the "VFW Post 2025 Memorial Bridge".

This bill designates the bridge on State Highway 21 crossing over the Current River in Ripley County as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge".

This bill designates a portion of Interstate 44 from State Highway 744/N. MulRoy Road continuing east to RA IS 44 Strafford/Green County Line in Greene County as the "Nathanael Greene Highway".

The costs of signage for these designations will be paid by private donations with the exception of "Medal of Honor PVT George Phillips Memorial Highway" in Franklin County which will have cost paid by the Department of Transportation.