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HOUSE BILL NO. 882

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BYRNES.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 227.299, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to memorial highway designations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 227.299, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 227.299, to read as follows:

227.299. 1. Except as provided in subsection 7 of this section, an organization or person that seeks a bridge or highway designation on the state highway system to honor an event, place, organization, or person who has been deceased for more than two years shall petition the department of transportation by submitting the following:

(1) An application in a form prescribed by the director, describing the bridge or segment of highway for which designation is sought and the proposed name of the bridge or relevant portion of highway. The application shall include the name of at least one current member of the general assembly who will sponsor the bridge or highway designation. The application may contain written testimony for support of the bridge or highway designation;

(2) A list of at least one hundred signatures of individuals who support the naming of the bridge or highway; and

(3) A fee to be determined by the commission to cover the costs of constructing and maintaining the proposed signs. The fee shall not exceed the cost of constructing and maintaining each sign.

2. All moneys received by the department of transportation for the construction and maintenance of bridge or highway signs on the state highway system shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state road fund.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 3. The documents and fees required under this section shall be submitted to the
19 department of transportation no later than November first prior to the next regular session of
20 the general assembly to be approved or denied by the joint committee on transportation
21 oversight during such legislative session.

22 4. The department of transportation shall give notice of any proposed bridge or
23 highway designation on the state highway system in a manner reasonably calculated to advise
24 the public of such proposal. Reasonable notice shall include posting the proposal for the
25 designation on the department's official public website, and making available copies of the
26 sign designation application to any representative of the news media or public upon request
27 and posting the application on a bulletin board or other prominent public place which is easily
28 accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office.

29 5. If the memorial highway designation requested by the organization is not approved
30 by the joint committee on transportation oversight, ninety-seven percent of the application fee
31 shall be refunded to the requesting organization.

32 6. Two highway signs shall be erected for each bridge and highway designation on
33 the state highway system processed under this section. When a named section of a highway
34 crosses two or more county lines, consideration shall be given by the department of
35 transportation to allow additional signage at the county lines or major intersections.

36 7. (1) Highway or bridge designations on the state highway system honoring fallen
37 law enforcement officers, members of the Armed Forces killed in the line of duty, Missouri
38 recipients of the medal of honor, emergency personnel killed while performing duties relating
39 to their employment, or state employees killed while serving the state shall not be subject to
40 the provisions of this section.

41 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning August 28, 2021,
42 for designations honoring Missouri medal of honor recipients, no fees shall be assessed and
43 all costs associated with such designations shall be funded by the department of
44 transportation.

45 **(3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning August 28,**
46 **2023, for designations honoring deceased Missouri veterans who died in the line of duty**
47 **or deceased Missouri law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty, no fees shall**
48 **be assessed and all costs associated with such designations shall be funded by the**
49 **department of transportation.**

50 **(4) Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, beginning August**
51 **28, 2023, for designations honoring VFW posts, no fees shall be assessed and all costs**
52 **associated with such designations shall be funded by the department of transportation.**

53 8. No bridge or portion of a highway on the state highway system may be named or
54 designated after more than one event, place, organization, or person. Each event, place,
55 organization, or person shall only be eligible for one bridge or highway designation.

56 9. Any highway signs erected for any bridge or highway designation on the state
57 highway system under the provisions of this section shall be erected and maintained for a
58 twenty-year period. After such period, the signs shall be subject to removal by the
59 department of transportation and the bridge or highway may be designated to honor events,
60 places, organizations, or persons other than the current designee. An existing highway or
61 bridge designation processed under the provisions of this section may be retained for
62 additional twenty-year increments if, at least one year before the designation's expiration, an
63 application to the department of transportation is made to retain the designation along with
64 the required documents and all applicable fees required under this section.

65 10. For persons honored with designations on the state highway system under this
66 chapter after August 28, 2021, the department of transportation shall post a link on its website
67 to biographical information of such persons.

68 11. The provisions of this section shall apply to bridge or highway designations
69 sought after August 28, 2006.

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