



Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by H. Transportation and Public Safety)

Reps. Willamowski, Hughes, Seitz, Distel, Jolivette, Young, Faber, Carano, Fessler, Seaver, Hollister, McGregor, Strahorn, Olman, Grendell, Boccieri, Latta, Harwood, Ujvagi, Webster

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates Interstate Route 75 from Toledo to Cincinnati the "Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director of Transportation, to the extent possible, to erect suitable markers on the highway indicating its name at specified locations.
- Within Butler County, designates names for portions of four roads and a bridge and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers indicating the names, as follows: (1) State Route 126 is named the "Governor William Bebb Bicentennial Roadway," (2) State Route 744 is named the "Governor James M. Cox Bicentennial Roadway," (3) State Route 4 is named the "Governor James E. Campbell Bicentennial Roadway," (4) United States Route 127 is named the "Governor Andrew L. Harris Bicentennial Roadway," and (5) the Maud-Hughes Road bridge spanning Gregory Creek is named the "William R. Foster Bridge."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway

Current law designates Interstate Route 75, running from Toledo in Lucas County through Wood, Hancock, Allen, Auglaize, Shelby, Miami, Montgomery, and Warren counties to Cincinnati in Hamilton County, the "American Legion Memorial Highway." (Sec. 5533.24, not in the bill.)

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

The bill provides that in addition to this existing designation, I-75 also shall be known as the "Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway." (Sec. 5533.241(A).) The Director of Transportation is authorized to erect suitable white markers with blue lettering upon I-75 that, if erected, must do both of the following to the greatest extent possible:

(1) Indicate this additional name;

(2) Be located near Toledo, Lima, Dayton, and Cincinnati. (Sec. 5533.241(B).)

The bill permits ODOT to accept private contributions to pay all or part of the costs of manufacturing, erecting, and maintaining the markers. Any private money so received must be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the State Highway Operating Fund or any other ODOT fund as the Director determines. (Sec. 5533.241(C).) The bill also adds Butler County to the list of counties through which I-75 passes, which is omitted in the current designation of I-75.

Governor William Bebb Bicentennial Roadway

The bill designates State Route 126 from the community of Venice in Butler County to the Indiana border the "Governor William Bebb Bicentennial Roadway" and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name (sec. 5533.69).

Governor James M. Cox Bicentennial Roadway

The bill designates State Route 744 from Somerville in Butler County and extending eastward to its intersection with State Route 122 the "Governor James M. Cox Bicentennial Roadway" and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name (sec. 5533.70).

Governor James E. Campbell Bicentennial Roadway

The bill designates State Route 4 from its intersection with High Street in the municipal corporation of Hamilton in Butler County to its intersection with Central Avenue in the municipal corporation of Middletown in that county the "Governor James E. Campbell Bicentennial Roadway" and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name (sec. 5533.71). This designation is in addition to the current law designation of State Route 4 as the "Wright Brothers Memorial Highway" (sec. 5533.14, not in the bill).

Governor Andrew L. Harris Bicentennial Roadway

The bill designates United States Route 127 from the municipal corporation of Seven Mile in Butler County northward to its intersection with United States Route 35 in the municipal corporation of Eaton in Preble County the "Governor Andrew L. Harris Bicentennial Roadway" and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name (sec. 5533.72).

William R. Foster Bridge

The bill designates the Maud-Hughes road bridge spanning Gregory Creek in Butler County, located at mile 23.18 of State Route 129, the "William R. Foster Bridge" and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers upon the bridge or its approaches indicating its name (sec. 5533.73).

HISTORY

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