

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 829

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RODEN.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 227.299, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections 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Section A. Section 227.299, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 227.299 and 227.496, to read as follows: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 the
20 general assembly to be approved or denied by the joint committee on transportation oversight
21 during such legislative session.

22 4. The department of transportation shall give notice of any proposed bridge or highway
23 designation on the state highway system in a manner reasonably calculated to advise the public
24 of such proposal. Reasonable notice shall include posting the proposal for the designation on
25 the department's official public website, and making available copies of the sign designation
26 application to any representative of the news media or public upon request and posting the
27 application on a bulletin board or other prominent public place which is easily accessible to the
28 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 the
33 state highway system processed under this section. When a named section of a highway crosses
34 two or more county lines, consideration shall be given by the department of transportation to
35 allow additional signage at the county lines or major intersections.

36 7. **(1)** Highway or bridge designations on the state highway system honoring fallen law
37 enforcement officers, members of the Armed Forces killed in the line of duty, **deceased**
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 the
40 provisions of this section.

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

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

48 9. Any highway signs erected for any bridge or highway designation on the state highway
49 system under the provisions of this section shall be erected and maintained for a twenty-year
50 period. After such period, the signs shall be subject to removal by the department of
51 transportation and the bridge or highway may be designated to honor events, places,
52 organizations, or persons other than the current designee. An existing highway or bridge
53 designation processed under the provisions of this section may be retained for additional

54 twenty-year increments if, at least one year before the designation's expiration, an application to
55 the department of transportation is made to retain the designation along with the required
56 documents and all applicable fees required under this section.

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

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

227.496. The portion of State Highway T from .05 miles west of Laretto Ridge
2 **Drive to Decker Road in the town of Labadie in Franklin County shall be designated as**
3 **"Medal of Honor PVT George Phillips Memorial Highway". The department of**
4 **transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such highway, with**
5 **the costs to be paid by the department.**

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