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HB4878 AS INTRODUCED

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TRANSPORTATION

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State Fiscal Impact

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost Indeterminate/Decrease
Revenues None

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A number of state highways have been given official names by the Legislature - primarily to memorialize certain individuals, groups, or organizations. One of the earliest highway naming bills was PA 113 of 1925 which designated state trunkline highway number 34 as "Carlton Road". There have been an number of highway naming bills introduced in recent legislative sessions: seven in the 1997-98 session, eleven in the 1999-2000 session, and four in the current session.

HB 4878 would create a statute for the consolidation of state highway names. The bill would also repeal a number of discrete highway naming acts.

Section 2 of the bill states: "The state transportation department shall only provide for the erection of suitable markers at the approach of any of the highways described in this act when sufficient private contributions are received to pay the cost of erecting those markers." This language is similar to that of several recent highway naming bills including recently enacted HB 4235 (PA 17 of 2001) which designated M-109 as the "D. H. Day Highway". Although the cost of sign fabrication and installation varies based on a number of factors, department sources estimate the cost to be from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per sign. To the extent that this bill would require private rather than state funds to be used for the erection of highway name signs it could be considered to result in a decrease in state costs.