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Senate Bill 921 (as introduced 5-13-20)
Sponsor: Senator Ed McBroom
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway M-35 in Forsyth Township beginning at the northern township limit of Turin Township and extending northwest to the southern township limit of Richmond Township as the "Ben Lauren and Don Riling Memorial Highway".

Proposed MCL 250.1008c

BACKGROUND

Benjamin Lauren was a captain at the Forsyth Township Fire Department, a volunteer department. On March 13, 2020, he was injured fatally while fighting a structure fire. Don Riling was a professional firefighter with the United States Air Force and a firefighter with the Forsyth Township Fire Department. On March 19, 1988, he died while fighting a fire in Forsyth Township.

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. The Act specifies that the Department of Transportation may provide for the erection and maintenance of markers designating the name of a highway only when sufficient private funds are available to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining those markers. As such, private funds would cover the cost of the renaming, and no State funds would be used.

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