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Senate Bill 977 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Joseph Bellino, Jr.
Committee: Veterans and Emergency Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway M-34 in Hillsdale County between Pioneer Road and South Pittsford Road as the "Deputy Sheriff William Butler, Jr. Memorial Highway".

Proposed MCL 250.1115

BRIEF RATIONALE

William Butler, Jr. was an Iraq War veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. After returning home from the war, he joined the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office, where he served for 12 years. While assisting another deputy with a traffic stop on June 27, 2024, an assailant produced a firearm and shot Deputy Butler. Deputy Butler was transported to the hospital and later passed away from his wounds. The bill should be passed to recognize his service and honor his sacrifice.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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