



Senate Fiscal Agency
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

BILL ANALYSIS



Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986

Senate Bill 977 (as introduced 8-15-24)
Sponsor: Senator Joseph Bellino, Jr.
Committee: Veterans and Emergency Services

(Senate-passed version)

Date Completed: 9-17-24

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

BACKGROUND

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. William Butler, Jr. was transported to the hospital and later passed away from his wounds.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Fiscal Analyst: Bobby Canell

SAS\S2324\s977sa

This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan Senate staff for use by the Senate in its deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.