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Senate Bill 41 (as introduced 2-4-25)
Sponsor: Senator John N. Damoose
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

(Senate-passed version)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway M-22 in Leelanau County beginning at the intersection of Highway M-22 and North Stallman Road and continuing north to the intersection of Highway M-22 and North Putnam Road as the "Company K Indian Veterans 1st Michigan Sharpshooters Civil War Memorial Highway".

Proposed MCL 250.1108

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 30 from the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 30 passed the Senate and was referred to the House but received no further action.

BACKGROUND

In 1863, the Union's Army of the Potomac opened enlistment to Native American men in order to serve its war effort. In Michigan, 139 Anishinaabe recruits from the Ojibway, Odawa, and Potawatomi Tribes joined Company K of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters regiment.¹ Company K participated in the Union Army's Overland Campaign (1864) and the Siege of Petersburg (1864-1865).

Legislative Analyst: Abby Schneider

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. Pursuant to the Act, private donations are required to erect and maintain special naming markers.

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¹ Michigan Public Radio, "The Story of Company K: Native Americans from Michigan who saw tough action in the Civil War," August 23, 2017.

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