

Trooper and Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Highways; SB 375

SB 375 designates portions of highways in Kansas as memorial highways in honor of Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) officers and a Johnson County deputy sheriff killed in the line of duty, amends several current designations, and adds law to state a commemorative sign shall include certain information about rank or title.

The additions and changes to designations are as follows:

- Master Trooper Larry L. Huff Memorial Highway, K-15 from the southern city limits of Clay Center south to K-82; this portion is removed from the Eisenhower Memorial Highway;
- Trooper Conroy G. O'Brien Memorial Highway, US-50 from K-61 southwest of Hutchinson to the northwestern city limits of Sylvia; this portion is removed from the Turkey Wheat Trail Highway;
- Trooper Jimmie Jacobs Memorial Highway, US-54 from the western city limits of Meade west to the eastern city limits of Plains; this portion is removed from designation as The Yellow Brick Road;
- Trooper Ferdinand "Bud" Pribbenow Memorial Highway, K-96 from its western junction with I-235 northwest to the eastern city limits of Mount Hope; this portion is removed from the State Fair Freeway;
- Master Trooper Dean A. Goodheart Memorial Highway, US-83 from I-70 north to US-24; this portion is removed from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway;
- Trooper John McMurray Memorial Highway, K-18 from I-70 northeast to the western city limits of Manhattan; this portion is removed from the 75th Division of the United States Army Highway;
- Trooper Maurice R. Plummer Memorial Highway, US-24 from US-59 north to Williamstown, then southeast to US-40 north of Lawrence;
- Lieutenant Bernard C. Hill Memorial Highway, US-59 from US-56 north to the southern city limits of Lawrence;
- Trooper James D. Thornton Memorial Highway, US-81 from US-166 north to the Sedgwick County line; and
- Master Deputy Brandon Collins Memorial Highway, US-69 in Johnson County from 167th Street to 215th Street.

The bill also changes the designation on US-75 from the northern border of Woodson County south to the northern city limits of Yates Center from the Eldon K Miller Memorial Highway to the Sergeant Eldon K Miller Memorial Highway.

The bill requires the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to place signs along the highway rights-of-way to indicate the designations. The bill exempts the designations for KHP officers from requirements the Secretary receive sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing such signs plus 50.0 percent before such signs are placed.

Rank or title on signs. The bill adds to law a requirement that any sign that commemoratively designates a highway, bridge, interchange, or trail in honor of an individual shall include, if applicable, the individual's rank if a current or former member of law enforcement, the U.S. military, or the National Guard or the individual's title if a current or former holder of an elected office or member of an elected body.