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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Local Government & Veterans' Affairs recommends
2 the following:

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4 **Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to installations honoring military
8 veterans and their families; creating the "Ellwood
9 Robinson 'Bob' Pipping, Jr., Memorial Act"; providing a
10 popular name; providing purpose; authorizing the
11 Department of Transportation to enter into contract with a
12 group or organization for the installation and maintenance
13 of plaques, markers, monuments, memorials, or various
14 retired military equipment at rest stops; providing for a
15 committee to approve proposals for the contracts;
16 providing for membership and terms of members of the
17 committee; requiring approval by said committee for such
18 contracts; providing conditions for approval; providing
19 that the group or organization shall be responsible for
20 costs; requiring that the group or organization provide a
21 bond to secure certain costs; providing an effective date.

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23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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25 Section 1. This act shall be known by the popular name the
26 "Ellwood Robinson 'Bob' Pipping, Jr., Memorial Act."

27 Section 2. The purpose of this act is to create an
28 environment in which the people of Florida and its visitors will
29 be reminded of the accomplishments made by our military veterans
30 in past conflicts and the continuing sacrifices made by those
31 veterans and their families to protect the freedoms we enjoy
32 today.

33 Section 3. The Department of Transportation is authorized
34 to enter into contract with any group or organization for the
35 installation and maintenance of monuments and memorials honoring
36 our military veterans at highway rest areas around the state
37 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

38 (1) Proposals for contracts under this act must be
39 approved by a committee composed of the secretary of the
40 Department of Transportation or the secretary's designee, the
41 executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the
42 executive director's designee, and three members of the Florida
43 Commission on Veterans' Affairs appointed by the chair of the
44 commission. Appointed members of the committee shall be
45 appointed for terms of not longer than 2 years and may be
46 reappointed to the committee. All appointed members' terms shall
47 expire on January 31 of each even-numbered year.

48 (2) Installations may consist of monuments, memorials,
49 plaques, markers, or various retired military equipment and must
50 honor the accomplishments of military veterans and the
51 sacrifices made by them and their families.

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52 (3) The group or organization making the proposal shall be
53 responsible for all costs of the monument and its installation.

54 (4) The group or organization making the proposal shall be
55 responsible for the cost of maintenance of the monument. The
56 cost of maintenance shall be secured by sufficient funds
57 provided annually by the group or organization making the
58 proposal deposited into a maintenance account held by the
59 Department of Transportation. In addition, the group or
60 organization making the proposal shall provide a 10-year bond
61 securing the cost of removal of the monument, and any
62 modifications made to the site as part of the placement of the
63 monument, for use should the group or organization making the
64 proposal fail to provide sufficient funds for maintenance for a
65 period of 2 consecutive years. Prior to expiration, the bond
66 shall be renewed for another 10-year period if the memorial is
67 to remain in place.

68 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.