

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations
2 Committee recommends the following:

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4 **Council/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 not-for-profit group or organization for the installation
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 may be cited as the "Ellwood Robinson
26 'Bob' Pipping, Jr., Memorial Act."

27 Section 2. The purpose of this act is to create an
28 environment in which the state's residents and visitors may be
29 reminded of the accomplishments made by Florida's military
30 veterans in past conflicts and the continuing sacrifices made by
31 those veterans and their families to protect the freedoms
32 Americans enjoy today.

33 Section 3. The Department of Transportation is authorized
34 to enter into contract with any not-for-profit group or
35 organization that has been operating for not less than 2 years
36 for the installation of monuments and memorials honoring
37 Florida's military veterans at highway rest areas around the
38 state pursuant to the provisions of this section.

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

49 (2) Installations may consist of monuments, memorials,
50 plaques, markers, or various retired military equipment and must

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51 honor the accomplishments of military veterans and the
52 sacrifices made by them and their families.

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

55 (4) The group or organization making the proposal shall
56 provide a 10-year bond securing the cost of removal of the
57 monument and any modifications made to the site as part of the
58 placement of the monument should the Department of
59 Transportation determine it necessary to remove or relocate the
60 monument. Such removal or relocation shall be approved by the
61 committee described in subsection (1). Prior to expiration, the
62 bond shall be renewed for another 10-year period if the memorial
63 is to remain in place.

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