

FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/SB 782

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

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SPONSOR: Sen. Latvala (Rep. Frishe)

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

COMPANION BILLS: CS/CS/HB 601

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

CS/SB 782 passed the House on April 20, 2011. The bill was approved by the Governor on May 5, 2011, chapter 2011-237, Laws of Florida, and took effect July 1, 2011. The bill provides for certain road designations.

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not "officially" change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings. The bill makes the following designations and directs the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers for each of these designations:

- Sgt. Thomas J. Baitinger, Officer Jeffrey A. Yaslowitz, and Officer David S. Crawford Memorial Highway in Pinellas County.
- Officer Jeffrey A. Kocab and Officer David L. Curtis Memorial Highway in Hillsborough County.

The bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$1,600 on the State Transportation Trust Fund, which is the cost to the Department of Transportation to erect the markers. This cost can be absorbed within the existing budget authority of the department.

This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

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The statute requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Effect of the Bill:

The bill makes the following honorary designations:

- State Road 687 in Pinellas County from I-275 to I-175 as “Sgt. Thomas J. Baitinger, Officer Jeffrey A. Yaslowitz, and Officer David S. Crawford Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 583/North 50th Street in Hillsborough County from Melbourne Blvd/East 21st Avenue to State Road 574/Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd as “Officer Jeffrey A. Kocab and Officer David L. Curtis Memorial Highway.”

The bill directs DOT to erect suitable markers designating each of the above designations.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2011.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

DOT will incur costs of approximately \$1,600 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designations. This is based on the assumption that two markers for each designation will be erected at a cost of \$400 per marker. This cost can be absorbed within the existing budget authority of the department. DOT will also incur the recurring costs of maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of the signs as necessary.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.