

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Transportation

BILL: SB 300

INTRODUCER: Senator Detert

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations/KMI Kentucky Military Institute Bridge

DATE: March 28, 2013                      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Eichin	TR	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
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**I. Summary:**

SB 300 designates the bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway in the City of Venice, Sarasota County, as the “KMI Kentucky Military Institute Bridge.”

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida Law.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations are not to be construed as requiring any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes.

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.

FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, resolutions supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

SB 300 designates bascule bridges numbers 170169 and 170170 on U.S. Business 41/SR 45/Tamiami Trail in Sarasota County as “KMI Kentucky Military Institute Bridge,” and directs FDOT to erect suitable markers.

The Kentucky Military Institute (KMI), a military preparatory school, was located in Venice, Florida, from 1932 until 1973. Some KMI cadets and their families continue to live in the Venice community and others visit regularly for KMI reunions held every four years in Venice. On November 7, 2012, the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, adopted Resolution No. 2012-16 expressing support for the “KMI Kentucky Military Institute Bridge” designation to preserve a part of the history of City of Venice.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2013.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:****A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

The estimated cost to erect the designation markers is \$1,000 for two signs at a cost of no less than \$500 each. The estimate includes sign fabrication, installation, and maintenance over time but does not include any additional expenses related to maintenance of traffic, dedication event costs, or replacement necessitated by damage, vandalism, or storm events.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Additional Information:**

**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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