



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 225 of the 131st G.A. **Date:** July 24, 2015
Status: As Reported by House Transportation and Infrastructure **Sponsor:** Reps. Curtin and Grossman

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Sgt. Jesse Balthaser U.S.M.C. Memorial Highway

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor, to install appropriate markers on I-70 within Columbus.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of I-70 in Columbus, running between Wilson Road and Hague Avenue, as the Sgt. Jesse Balthaser U.S.M.C. Memorial Highway. When a highway is designated as a memorial, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) typically installs a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the highway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. According to ODOT, the cost of installing signs for memorial highways and bridges is approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are knocked down or damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.

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