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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur about \$850 in costs for producing memorial signs for this memorial highway and the city of East Liverpool and village of Wellsville will incur minimal costs for installing them. Specifically, the bill renames the portion of State Route 7 commencing at the boundary of Columbiana and Jefferson counties and extending to the westernmost boundary of the city of East Liverpool within Columbiana County as the PFC Melvin E. Newlin, Medal of Honor Recipient, Memorial Highway.

If a memorial marker is to be located inside of a municipality, ODOT produces the signs and may request reimbursement from the municipality for the cost. ODOT, however, does not currently seek this reimbursement. The signs are installed by municipal workers, though, resulting in minimal costs for the municipality where the memorial marker is to be located. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs usually need to be replaced every 12 to 15 years.