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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4344

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4344 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Heroes Way Designation Program Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. This Act establishes a designation  
7 program, to be known as the "Heroes Way Designation Program",  
8 to honor the fallen Illinois heroes who have been killed in  
9 action while performing active military duty with the United  
10 States Armed Forces.

11 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

12 "Department" means the Illinois Department of  
13 Transportation.

14 "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Illinois Department  
15 of Transportation.

1           "United States Armed Forces" means any branch of the United  
2 States Military, including National Guard and military reserve  
3 components.

4           Section 15. Heroes Way Designation Program.

5           (a) Any person who is related by marriage, adoption, or  
6 consanguinity within the second degree to a member of the  
7 United States Armed Forces who was killed in action while  
8 performing active military duty with the Armed Forces, and who  
9 was a resident of this State at the time he or she was killed in  
10 action, may apply for a designation allowing the placement of  
11 an honorary sign alongside roads designated under the  
12 provisions of this Act.

13           (b) The honorary signs may be placed upon interstate or  
14 state-numbered highway interchanges or upon bridges or  
15 segments of highway under the jurisdiction of the Department  
16 according to the provisions of this Section, and any applicable  
17 federal and State limitations or conditions on highway signage,  
18 including location and spacing.

19           (c) Any person described under subsection (a) of this  
20 Section who desires to have an interstate or state-numbered  
21 highway interchange or bridge or segment of highway under the  
22 jurisdiction of the Department designated after his or her  
23 family member shall petition the Department by submitting an  
24 application in a form prescribed by the Secretary. The form  
25 shall include the amount of the fee under subsection (d) of

1 this Section. The application must meet the following  
2 requirements:

3 (1) describe the interstate or state-numbered highway  
4 interchange or bridge or segment of highway under the  
5 jurisdiction of the Department for which the designation is  
6 sought and the proposed name of the interchange, bridge, or  
7 relevant segment of highway. The application shall include  
8 the name of at least one current member of the General  
9 Assembly who will sponsor the designation. The application  
10 may contain written testimony for support of the  
11 designation;

12 (2) a signed form, prescribed by the Secretary,  
13 certifying that the applicant is related by marriage,  
14 adoption, or consanguinity within the second degree to the  
15 member of the United States Armed Forces who was killed in  
16 action; and

17 (3) the name of the member of the United States Armed  
18 Forces for whom the designation is sought must be listed on  
19 the National Gold Star Family Registry.

20 (d) After determining that the petitioner meets all of the  
21 application requirements of subsection (c), the Department  
22 shall submit a recommendation containing the proposed  
23 designations to the sponsor in the General Assembly named in  
24 the application. The Department shall be notified upon the  
25 approval or denial of a proposed designation. Upon the approval  
26 of a proposed designation, the petitioner shall submit a fee to

1 be determined by the Secretary to cover the costs of  
2 constructing and maintaining the proposed signs on the  
3 interchange, bridge, or segment of highway. The fee shall not  
4 exceed the cost of constructing and maintaining each sign.

5 (e) The Department shall give notice of any proposed  
6 designation under this Section on the Department's official  
7 public website.

8 (f) Two signs shall be erected for each interchange,  
9 bridge, or segment of highway designation processed under this  
10 Section.

11 (g) No interchange, bridge, or segment of highway may be  
12 named or designated under this Section if it carries an  
13 existing designation. A designated member of the United States  
14 Armed Forces shall not be eligible for more than one  
15 interchange, bridge, or segment of highway designation under  
16 this Section.

17 (h) All moneys received by the Department for the  
18 construction and maintenance of interchange, bridge, or  
19 segment of highway signs shall be deposited in the "Road Fund"  
20 of the State treasury.

21 (i) The documents and fees required under this Section  
22 shall be submitted to the Department."