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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bills 708 and 709 (as introduced 11-13-25)

Sponsor: Senator Veronica Klinefelt (S.B. 708)

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Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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**CONTENT**

**Senate Bill 708 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to do the following:**

- Limit the number of pieces of infrastructure that could receive a memorial designation to 10 per calendar year.
- Require a piece of infrastructure that received a memorial designation under the Act to retain that designation for at least 10 years.

**Senate Bill 709 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to establish requirements that the subject of a proposed memorial designation would have to meet to qualify for the memorial designation.**

The bills are tie-barred.

**Senate Bill 708**

Generally, the Act allows the Michigan Legislature to grant memorial designations to highways, freeways, bridges, overpasses, interchanges, and trails. For example, the State enacted Public Act 220 of 2024, which designated a portion of Highway I-94 as the Corporal Mohamed Said Memorial Highway.

The bill would limit the number of pieces of infrastructure that could receive a memorial designation to 10 per calendar year. A piece of infrastructure designated under the Act would have to remain so designated for at least 10 years. Additionally, a memorial designation could only be made for an eligible subject as prescribed in Senate Bill 709.

**Senate Bill 709**

Under the bill, a memorial designation could be made only for a subject that met the following conditions:

- Was an individual, a group of individuals, an organization, a mass-casualty event, a military unit, a military operation, a military event, or a military award.
- Was historically or culturally significant to the State or the United States.
- If designated for an individual, group of individuals, or organization, the individual was deceased.
- If designated for a service member, the service member died in the line of duty.
- If designated for a group of individuals, organization, military unit, military operation, military event, or military award, the mission or purpose of that subject was directly

-- related to one or more individuals who were public service officers or service members killed in the line of duty.

Proposed MCL 250.1001a (S.B. 708)

Proposed MCL 250.1001b (S.B. 709)

### **PREVIOUS LEGISLATION**

*(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)*

Senate Bill 709 is similar to Senate Bill 964 from the 2021-2022 Legislative Session.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bills would have no fiscal impact on the State or local governments.

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