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ENROLLED BILL ANALYSIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 99

TOPIC: Highway Renaming

SPONSOR: Senator Nofs

CO-SPONSORS: N/A

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS DONE BY: Angela Stempky

DATE OF COMPLETED ANALYSIS: 5/12/15

REVIEWED BY: DA SD

SHORT SUMMARY/HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BILL

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate a portion of Business Loop I-94 as the "Detective LaVern S. Brann Memorial Highway."

ADMINISTRATION POSITION

No Position

PROBLEM/BACKGROUND

The Michigan Memorial Highway Act provides for the naming of highways in this State. Many of the highways have been named after police officers, soldiers, or noted community figures. Accordingly, it has been suggested that Business Loop I-94, in the city of Battle Creek, be named after Detective LaVern S. Brann, who was shot and killed while he and his partner were investigating a homicide on May 9th, 2005.

The shooting occurred when the two went to an apartment complex to interview a woman and her mother. Detective Brann went to the front of the apartment complex, while his partner went to the back of the building. While in the back of the building, Detective Brann's partner heard gun shots fired from the front of the complex. When he ran to investigate, he was met by an armed man. The two exchanged gunfire and the detective was shot in the leg as the suspect fled the scene. When backup officers arrived, they found Detective Brann shot in the stairwell of the complex. He was transported to Battle Creek Health Systems where he died from his wounds.

Detective Brann had served with the Battle Creek City Police Department for 20 years. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

DESCRIPTION OF BILL

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SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS

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The bill recognizes the hard work and dedication of Detective LaVern S. Brann.

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Time associated with designing and placing the signs. Signs along roadways can impact safety.

FINAL PASSAGE VOTE

Senate: Roll Call # 84 Yeas 38 Nays 0 Excused 0

House: Roll Call # 130 Yeas 110 Nays 0 Excused 0

FISCAL/ECONOMIC IMPACT

Are there revenue or budgetary implications in the bill to the –

(a) Department
Budgetary:
Revenue:
Comments: The group requesting the memorial signing will be required to pay for the fabrication and all associated costs of installing signs. MDOT Regional staff will approve the size and design of all signs placed within the roadside.

(b) State
Budgetary:
Revenue:
Comments:

(c) Local Government
Budgetary:
Revenue:
Comments:

OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS
ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES IMPACT