



ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 963 (as enacted) PUBLIC ACT 358 of 2018

Sponsor: Senator Mike Green Senate Committee: Transportation

House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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RATIONALE

Private first class (Pfc) Alan Robert Blohm died at the age of 21 on December 31, 2006, after being wounded during his deployment in Iraq. He joined the United States Army in September 2005 while living in Alaska, and was deployed to Iraq on October 1, 2006. He was a member of the 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and was stationed near Baghdad. To honor his sacrifice and service, it was suggested that a highway in Kawkawlin Township, where he was from, be named after Pfc. Blohm.

CONTENT

The bill amends the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway M-13 in Kawkawlin Township as the "PFC Alan Robert Blohm Memorial Highway".

The bill will take effect on March 6, 2019.

MCL 250.1018

ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

Private first class Blohm was born on July 26, 1985, in Kawkawlin Township, in Bay County, Michigan, and attended and graduated from Bay City Western High School. Although he spent many summers in Kenai, Alaska, Pfc. Blohm had established roots in Michigan. Naming a highway in his home township after him is a fitting way to commemorate his sacrifice.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill will have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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