

# HOUSE BILL No. 4740

May 5, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Nitz, Byrnes, LaJoy, Adamini and Mayes and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled  
"Michigan memorial highway act,"  
(MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 76.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 76. (1) IF A MEMBER OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A PERSON  
2        WHO HAS DIED BECAUSE OF A CAR ACCIDENT ON A HIGHWAY REQUESTS,  
3        THROUGH A WRITTEN APPLICATION, THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
4        TO INSTALL A MEMORIAL SIGN, THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
5        SHALL INSTALL A MEMORIAL SIGN AT THE REQUESTED LOCATION.

6        (2) THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN THE  
7        MEMORIAL SIGN INSTALLED UNDER THIS SECTION. THE STATE  
8        TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL APPROVE A UNIFORM DESIGN FOR  
9        MEMORIAL SIGNS UNDER THIS SECTION. THE MEMORIAL SIGN WILL REMAIN IN  
10       PLACE FOR 5 YEARS AFTER IT HAS BEEN ERECTED.

1           (3) PRIVATE MEMORIAL SIGNS THAT ARE ERECTED BEFORE OCTOBER 1,  
2 2005 SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR 5 YEARS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2005 IF THE  
3 STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THEY ARE NOT A ROAD  
4 HAZARD. AFTER THE 5-YEAR PERIOD HAS ELAPSED, THE STATE  
5 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL HOLD THE PRIVATE MEMORIAL SIGNS FOR  
6 14 DAYS TO ALLOW FAMILY MEMBERS TO RETRIEVE THEM. IF THE STATE  
7 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT A PRIVATE MEMORIAL SIGN  
8 IS A ROAD HAZARD, THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL REMOVE  
9 IT IMMEDIATELY AND HOLD IT FOR 14 DAYS TO ALLOW FAMILY MEMBERS TO  
10 RETRIEVE IT.

11           (4) AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2005, NO MEMORIAL ROAD SIGNS SHALL BE  
12 ERECTED EXCEPT AS PERMITTED IN SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2). IF A  
13 MEMORIAL ROAD SIGN IS ERECTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION AFTER  
14 OCTOBER 1, 2005, THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL REMOVE  
15 THE SIGN AND HOLD IT FOR 14 DAYS TO ALLOW FAMILY MEMBERS TO  
16 RETRIEVE IT.