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House Bill 4046 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative John Roth
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Veterans and Emergency Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway US-31 in Grand Traverse County between Three Mile Road and Bunker Hill Road as the "Trooper James E. Boland Memorial Highway".

Proposed MCL 250.1011d

BRIEF RATIONALE

Trooper James E. Boland grew up in the Owosso/Corunna area and graduated from Corunna High School in 1963. He joined the Owosso Police Department before joining the Michigan State Police force in 1967. In 1980, he transferred to the Owosso State Police post. On July 26, 1987, Trooper Boland was directing traffic in Traverse City for the National Governor's Conference, and when he bent to light a caution flare near the middle of an intersection, Trooper Boland was struck by a drunk driver. He later died of his injuries. He was 42 years old. The bill should be passed to honor his service and make sure he is not forgotten.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

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

The bill is a reintroduction of House Bill 6074 from the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. House Bill 6074 was reported from the House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure, but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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