

177.074 Naming of state road or bridge – Signage.

- (1) Every road which is part of the state primary system shall be identified by a specific route number. In addition to a route number, the secretary shall direct the placement of signage denoting the honorary naming of a bridge, a road, or a road segment to comply with the provisions of subsections (2), (3), and (5) of this section.
- (2) The secretary shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request by the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police, name a state road or segment of a state road in memory and honor of Kentucky state troopers killed in the line of duty. The written request shall include the:
 - (a) Trooper's name;
 - (b) Date and circumstances of the trooper's death; and
 - (c) Specific segment of state road the Department of Kentucky State Police is requesting be named in honor and memory of the state trooper killed in the line of duty.
- (3) The road or road segment identified in the request shall be either the state road where the trooper was killed, or the state road closest to the deceased trooper's home. The cabinet shall consult with the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police on the design and installation of the road signs naming the state road or road segment in honor and memory of each trooper, and the cabinet shall erect the appropriate highway signs within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written request required under subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) If the road segment identified in the request under subsection (2) of this section has already been named for another individual or organization, the Department of Kentucky State Police and the cabinet shall consult on and determine an alternate location that is acceptable to both agencies.
- (5) Upon direction by joint resolution of the General Assembly, the secretary shall direct the placement of signage denoting:
 - (a) The honorary naming of a road, a road segment, or a bridge; or
 - (b) The inclusion of an artist as an honoree on the Country Music Highway on United States Route 23.
- (6) The placement of the signs installed as a result of a resolution passed by the General Assembly shall be the responsibility of the Department of Highways.
- (7)
 - (a) A school board or the governing body of a city or county may petition the secretary for the installation of temporary signage honoring an individual, a group of individuals, or a team.
 - (b) The secretary shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request under this subsection, approve or deny the petition.
 - (c) Within thirty (30) days of the approval of a petition, the secretary shall direct the placement of honorary signage under this subsection. The Transportation Cabinet shall be the final arbiter of the location of signage placement under this subsection. Signage installed under this subsection shall remain in place for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of its placement.
 - (d) The petitioning body shall bear all costs of signage and installation under this

subsection.

- (8) The Transportation Cabinet may adopt administrative regulations to implement the provisions of subsection (7) of this section, including but not limited to basic standards for design and placement of signs and establishing a process to allow the petitioning body to reimburse the Transportation Cabinet for the cost of manufacturing and installing the signs for which a petition has been granted.
- (9) The new proposed truck bypass around Mayfield, Kentucky, shall be named the "Dick Castleman Bypass," after former State Representative Dick Castleman.
- (10) The bridge on United States Highway 27 over the Kentucky River near Camp Nelson, between Jessamine and Garrard Counties, shall be named the "Lloyd Murphy Memorial Bridge."

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