

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2443

By: Rousselot and Hardin of the  
House

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4 Garrison of the Senate  
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8 An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries;  
9 amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 1600, which relates to  
10 cost associated with certain signage; modifying  
11 exception to requirement for payment of signage;  
12 defining term; designating the Specialist Joshua M.  
13 "Bubba" Seals Memorial Bridge; repealing Section 12,  
14 Chapter 270, O.S.L. 2013 (69 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section  
15 1698.171), which relates to the Specialist Joshua M.  
16 "Bubba" Seals Memorial Bridge; and providing for  
17 codification.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 1600, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1600. A. The cost associated with signage related to  
22 the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway system shall  
23 be paid by the group sponsoring or requesting the sign. The  
24 provisions of this section shall not apply to the naming of highways  
and bridges on the state highway system designed to honor members of  
the United States Armed Forces who were killed ~~in action~~ while  
participating in contingency operations.

1        B. As used in this section, the term "contingency operation"  
2 means a military operation that:

3        1. Is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in  
4 which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in  
5 military actions, operations or hostilities against an enemy of the  
6 United States or against an opposing military force; or

7        2. Results in the call or order to, or retention on, active  
8 duty of members of the uniformed services under Section 688,  
9 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12304a, 12305 or 12406 of Title 10 U.S.C.,  
10 Chapter 15 of Title 10 U.S.C., Section 712 of Title 14 U.S.C., or  
11 any other provision of law during a war or during a national  
12 emergency declared by the President or Congress.

13        C. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules  
14 establishing a procedure to assess and collect the cost of the  
15 signs. The assessment of cost shall include the cost of the initial  
16 erection of the sign as well as the potential replacement or  
17 reconstruction of the sign. The cost of these signs shall be based  
18 on an average of the cost of signs erected during the preceding  
19 fiscal year, as reported by the Department of Transportation.

20        SECTION 2.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1698.194 of Title 69, unless  
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23        The bridge where U.S. Highway 69 crosses the Arkansas River at  
24 the Wagoner and Muskogee county line shall be designated as the

