

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1153

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to roads and bridges; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 1600, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 257, O.S.L. 2016 (69 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1600), which relates to the cost of signage for memorial highways and bridges; exempting certain types of honorary signage from cost assessment; providing criteria for exemption; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 1600, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 257, O.S.L. 2016 (69 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1600), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1600. A. The cost associated with signage related to the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway system shall be paid by the group sponsoring or requesting the sign. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the naming of highways and bridges on the state highway system designed to honor ~~members~~:

1. Members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed while participating in contingency operations ~~and members~~;

1 2. Members of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol fallen in the
2 performance of their duties;

3 3. Peace officers certified pursuant to Section 3311 of Title
4 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes fallen in the performance of their
5 duties; and

6 4. First responders as defined by Section 1-2506.1 of Title 63
7 of the Oklahoma Statutes fallen in the performance of their duties.

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

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

14 2. Results in the call or order to, or retention on, active
15 duty of members of the uniformed services under Section 688,
16 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12304a, 12305 or 12406 of Title 10 U.S.C.,
17 Chapter 15 of Title 10 U.S.C., Section 712 of Title 14 U.S.C., or
18 any other provision of law during a war or during a national
19 emergency declared by the President or Congress.

20 C. The Department of Transportation shall promulgate rules
21 establishing a procedure to assess and collect the cost of the
22 signs. The assessment of cost shall include the cost of the initial
23 erection of the sign as well as the potential replacement or
24 reconstruction of the sign. The cost of these signs shall be based

1 on an average of the cost of signs erected during the preceding
2 fiscal year, as reported by the Department of Transportation.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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