

2003 SENATE BILL 46

1 AN ACT *to create* 84.1026, 84.1027, 84.1028, 84.1029, 84.1031 and 84.1036 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** the designation and marking of certain highways and
3 bridges.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 SECTION 1. 84.1026 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **84.1026 Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers Highway.** (1) The
6 department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the route of USH 151,
7 commencing at the Wisconsin-Illinois border and proceeding easterly to Manitowoc,
8 as the “Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers Highway” to commemorate and honor
9 all law enforcement officers of this state for their dedicated public service in
10 defending and protecting life, health, and property.

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1 **(2)** Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including
2 any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining
3 markers along the route specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the
4 designation of the route as the “Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers Highway,” the
5 department shall erect and maintain the markers. No state funds, other than from
6 the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection
7 or maintenance of the markers.

8 **SECTION 2.** 84.1027 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **84.1027 Wisconsin Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Technicians**
10 **Highway.** **(1)** The department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the
11 route of STH 54, commencing at Algoma in Kewaunee County and proceeding
12 westerly to the Wisconsin–Minnesota border, as the “Wisconsin Fire Fighters and
13 Emergency Medical Technicians Highway” to recognize and honor all fire fighters
14 and emergency medical technicians of this state for their dedicated service to the
15 public in protecting life, health, and property.

16 **(2)** Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including
17 any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining
18 markers along the route specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the
19 designation of the route as the “Wisconsin Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical
20 Technicians Highway,” the department shall erect and maintain the markers. No
21 state funds, other than from the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may
22 be expended for the erection or maintenance of the markers.

23 **SECTION 3.** 84.1028 of the statutes is created to read:

24 **84.1028 Wisconsin Fire Fighters–EMT/Citizen Soldier Bridge.** **(1)** The
25 department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the westbound lanes of any

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1 bridge on STH 29 across the Chippewa River in Chippewa County as the “Wisconsin
2 Fire Fighters–EMT/Citizen Soldier Bridge” to recognize and honor all fire fighters
3 and emergency medical technicians of this state for their dedicated service to the
4 public in protecting life, health, and property, and in recognition of the right of the
5 citizens of this state to keep and bear arms and as a tribute to all citizen soldiers of
6 this state.

7 (2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including
8 any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining
9 markers on the bridge specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the
10 designation of the bridge as the “Wisconsin Fire Fighters–EMT/Citizen Soldier
11 Bridge,” the department shall erect and maintain the markers. No state funds, other
12 than from the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the
13 erection or maintenance of the markers.

14 **SECTION 4.** 84.1029 of the statutes is created to read:

15 **84.1029 Wisconsin Law Enforcement/Citizen Soldier Bridge.** (1) The
16 department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the eastbound lanes of any
17 bridge on STH 29 across the Chippewa River in Chippewa County as the “Wisconsin
18 Law Enforcement/Citizen Soldier Bridge” to recognize and honor all law
19 enforcement agencies in this state for their tireless efforts in preventing and
20 detecting crime and enforcing state and local laws, and in recognition of the right of
21 the citizens of this state to keep and bear arms and as a tribute to all citizen soldiers
22 of this state.

23 (2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including
24 any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining
25 markers on the bridge specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the

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1 designation of the bridge as the “Wisconsin Law Enforcement/Citizen Soldier
2 Bridge,” the department shall erect and maintain the markers. No state funds, other
3 than from the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the
4 erection or maintenance of the markers.

5 **SECTION 5.** 84.1031 of the statutes is created to read:

6 **84.1031 Citizen Soldier Highway. (1)** The department shall designate and,
7 subject to sub. (2), mark, the route of STH 27, commencing at Brule and proceeding
8 southerly to Prairie du Chien, as the “Citizen Soldier Highway” in recognition of the
9 right of the citizens of this state to keep and bear arms and as a tribute to all
10 Wisconsin veterans, members of the national guard and any other reserve
11 component of the U.S. armed forces, law enforcement officers, and fire fighters, and
12 to the first citizen soldiers of this state, American Indians.

13 **(2)** Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including
14 any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining
15 markers along the route specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the
16 designation of the route as the “Citizen Soldier Highway,” the department shall erect
17 and maintain the markers. No state funds, other than from the receipt of
18 contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection or
19 maintenance of the markers.

20 **SECTION 7.** 84.1036 of the statutes is created to read:

21 **84.1036 Major Richard I. Bong Memorial Highway. (1)** The department
22 shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the route of USH 2, extending from the
23 Wisconsin–Minnesota border to the Wisconsin–Michigan border, as the “Major
24 Richard I. Bong Memorial Highway” in recognition and appreciation of the many
25 military accomplishments of Major Richard I. Bong during World War II, including

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1 being awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1944 and being widely known
2 as America's greatest war ace.

3 **(2)** Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including
4 any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining
5 markers along the route specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the
6 designation of the route as the "Major Richard I. Bong Memorial Highway," the
7 department shall erect and maintain the markers. No state funds, other than from
8 the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection
9 or maintenance of the markers.

10 **(END)**