

2003 SENATE BILL 46

February 26, 2003 – Introduced by Senators ZIEN, BROWN, WELCH, ROESSLER, COWLES, DARLING and S. FITZGERALD, cosponsored by Representatives VAN ROY, TURNER, BIES, ALBERS, McCORMICK, KREIBICH and BALOW. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure.

1 **AN ACT to create** 84.1026, 84.1027, 84.1028, 84.1029, 84.1031, 84.1034 and
2 84.1036 of the statutes; **relating to:** the designation and marking of certain
3 highways and bridges.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to designate and mark all of the following:

1. The entire route of STH 27 as the “Citizen Soldier Heritage Highway” in recognition of the right of citizens of this state to keep and bear arms and as a tribute to all Wisconsin veterans, members of the national guard and any other reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces, law enforcement officers, and fire fighters, and to the first citizen soldiers of this state, American Indians.

2. The entire route of USH 151 in this state as the “Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers Highway” in commemoration and honor of all law enforcement officers of this state for defending and protecting life, health, and property. The bill also directs DOT to designate and mark the eastbound lanes of any bridge on STH 29 crossing the Chippewa River in Chippewa County as the “Wisconsin Law Enforcement/Citizen Soldier Bridge.”

3. The entire route of STH 54 as the “Wisconsin Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Highway” in recognition and honor of all fire fighters and emergency medical technicians of this state for protecting life, health, and property. The bill also directs DOT to designate and mark the westbound lanes of any bridge on STH 29 crossing the Chippewa River in Chippewa County as the “Wisconsin Fire Fighters–EMT/Citizen Soldier Bridge.”

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4. The entire route of USH 2 in this state as the “Major Richard I. Bong Memorial Highway” in recognition and appreciation of the many military accomplishments of Major Richard I. Bong during World War II. Born in the city of Superior in Douglas County, Major Bong received 26 decorations, including the Congressional Medal of Honor, for his military exploits and is widely known as America’s greatest war ace.

5. The entire route of STH 35 as the “Way of the American Eagle Highway” in recognition and honor of the majestic raptor that symbolizes the strength and courage of our country. Any group that uses the American Eagle symbol is encouraged to participate in any adopt-a-highway program of DOT for the removal of litter from the Way of the American Eagle Highway.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 84.1026 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **84.1026 Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers Highway.** The department
3 shall designate and mark the route of USH 151, commencing at the
4 Wisconsin–Illinois border and proceeding easterly to Manitowoc, as the “Wisconsin
5 Law Enforcement Officers Highway” to commemorate and honor all law enforcement
6 officers of this state for their dedicated public service in defending and protecting life,
7 health, and property.

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

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

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

2 **84.1028 Wisconsin Fire Fighters–EMT/Citizen Soldier Bridge.** The
3 department shall designate and mark the westbound lanes of any bridge on STH 29
4 across the Chippewa River in Chippewa County as the “Wisconsin Fire
5 Fighters–EMT/Citizen Soldier Bridge” to recognize and honor all fire fighters and
6 emergency medical technicians of this state for their dedicated service to the public
7 in protecting life, health, and property, and in recognition of the right of the citizens
8 of this state to keep and bear arms and as a tribute to all citizen soldiers of this state.

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

10 **84.1029 Wisconsin Law Enforcement/Citizen Soldier Bridge.** The
11 department shall designate and mark the eastbound lanes of any bridge on STH 29
12 across the Chippewa River in Chippewa County as the “Wisconsin Law
13 Enforcement/Citizen Soldier Bridge” to recognize and honor all law enforcement
14 agencies in this state for their tireless efforts in preventing and detecting crime and
15 enforcing state and local laws, and in recognition of the right of the citizens of this
16 state to keep and bear arms and as a tribute to all citizen soldiers of this state.

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

18 **84.1031 Citizen Soldier Highway.** The department shall designate and
19 mark, the route of STH 27, commencing at Brule and proceeding southerly to Prairie
20 du Chien, as the “Citizen Soldier Highway” in recognition of the right of the citizens
21 of this state to keep and bear arms and as a tribute to all Wisconsin veterans,
22 members of the national guard and any other reserve component of the U.S. armed
23 forces, law enforcement officers, and fire fighters, and to the first citizen soldiers of
24 this state, American Indians.

25 **SECTION 6.** 84.1034 of the statutes is created to read:

