

2007 SENATE BILL 55

February 21, 2007 – Introduced by Senators BRESKE, S. FITZGERALD, LASSA, A. LASEE, MILLER, KAPANKE, GROTHMAN, SULLIVAN, LAZICH and ERPENBACH, cosponsored by Representatives FRISKE, PETROWSKI, BIES, ZIEGELBAUER, MEYER, MURSAU, NERISON, GUNDERSON, JESKEWITZ, KERKMAN, M. WILLIAMS, MUSSER, ALBERS, OWENS, HAHN, SINICKI and TOWNSEND. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Insurance.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 84.10 (1); and *to create* 84.1024 of the statutes; **relating to:**
 2 designating and marking a bridge across the Wisconsin River in the city of
 3 Tomahawk as Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, certain highway routes and bridges have been designated and marked to memorialize, commemorate, or recognize certain individuals, groups, or events. This bill directs the Department of Transportation to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the 4th Street bridge across the Wisconsin River in the city of Tomahawk as “Veterans Memorial Bridge” as a living memorial to and in honor of all Wisconsin veterans, living and dead, of all wars in which the United States has engaged. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any marker to identify the bridge as “Veterans Memorial Bridge.”

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 84.10 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
 5 **84.10 (1)** The amounts allocated under s. 20.395 (3) (cq) and (eq) for the
 6 purposes described in this subsection shall be expended by the department for the

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1 maintenance and operation of bridges not on the state trunk highway system which
2 were constructed, reconstructed, or purchased under s. 84.11 before August 9, 1989,
3 and under s. 84.12 and free bridges located in connecting highways in 4th class cities,
4 and towns, which have a length, not including approaches, of 300 feet or more, or a
5 swing or lift span. Except as provided in a jurisdictional transfer agreement under
6 s. 84.16, all matters relating to the maintenance and operation of such bridges shall
7 be under the control of the department. Maintenance and operation shall not include
8 the roadway lighting system and shall not include snow and ice removal and control
9 for bridges located on connecting highways. Notwithstanding any other provision
10 of law, the department shall designate and mark the bridge specified in s. 84.1024
11 in the manner and under the conditions specified in s. 84.1024. The department may
12 arrange with any county highway committee or with any city, village or town for the
13 operation or maintenance or both of any such bridge; and any county highway
14 committee, city, village or town may enter into such arrangement. This subsection
15 does not apply to sub. (2).

16 **SECTION 2.** 84.1024 of the statutes is created to read:

17 **84.1024 Veterans Memorial Bridge.** (1) The department shall designate
18 and, subject to sub. (2), mark the 4th Street bridge, under the department's
19 jurisdiction under s. 84.10 (1), on CTH "L" across the Wisconsin River in the city of
20 Tomahawk in Lincoln County as "Veterans Memorial Bridge" as a living memorial
21 to and in honor of all Wisconsin veterans, living and dead, of all wars in which the
22 United States has engaged.

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 at the bridge specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the

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

5 (END)