2011 SENATE BILL 197

September 21, 2011 – Introduced by Senators HOLPERIN, HANSEN, COWLES and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives MURSAU, BERNIER, WYNN, BERCEAU, NYGREN, SINICKI, SPANBAUER, A. OTT, BROOKS, THIESFELDT, MILROY, MEYER and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

AN ACT to create 84.10416 of the statutes; relating to: designating and marking a bridge across the Menominee River in Marinette County 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 bridge on USH 141 across the Menominee River in Marinette County 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.”

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:

SECTION 1. 84.10416 of the statutes is created to read:
84.10416 Veterans Memorial Bridge in Marinette County.  (1) The department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark, but not beyond the Wisconsin-Michigan border, the bridge on USH 141 across the Menominee River in the city of Niagara in Marinette County 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.

(2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining markers for the bridge specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the designation of the bridge as the “Veterans Memorial Bridge,” the department shall erect and maintain the markers. No state funds, other than from the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection or maintenance of the markers.