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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Senate Bill 345**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

### **2021 SENATE BILL 345**

Under current law, U.S. Highway 14, commencing at the Wisconsin-Minnesota border and proceeding easterly to Richland Center is designated as the “Purple Heart Memorial Highway” as a permanent memorial to and in honor of all persons wounded, injured, or killed as the direct result of enemy action who have been awarded this high honor in the name of the President of the United States. 2021 Senate Bill 345 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to also designate the entire route of State Trunk Highway 21 as a “Purple Heart Memorial Highway.” Under the bill, DOT must erect markers to identify the highway as a “Purple Heart Memorial Highway.”

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 345 requires DOT to erect additional signs marking State Trunk Highway 21 as a “Purple Heart Memorial Highway” within the boundaries of a municipality that requests the marking. Under the amendment, upon request by a municipality and receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining the signs, DOT must erect and maintain, within the highway right-of-way, two signs, one facing each direction of traffic, marking the route of State Trunk Highway 21 within the municipality as a “Purple Heart Memorial Highway.”

### **BILL HISTORY**

Senator Marklein offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 345 on September 16, 2021. On September 22, 2021, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Local Government voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended.

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