



Senator Jim Hughes
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HUGHES' ROAD NAMING BILL GAINS SUPPORT OF SENATE CHAMBER

COLUMBUS – Members of the Ohio Senate today approved legislation that will reform the method in which some of the state's memorial highways will be designated. Sponsored by State Senator Jim Hughes (R – Columbus), Senate Bill 37 provides the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) with the authority to designate certain portions of county roads, township roads, municipal streets or highways to be used in memorializing fallen law enforcement officers in Ohio.

Currently, there is no standard process for the naming of Ohio's memorial roads and highways. This measure aims to create a more efficient and streamlined way of honoring peace officers who have died in the line of duty.

“This bill recognizes the sacrifice that law enforcement officers make everyday to protect the citizens of Ohio,” Hughes said. “For that reason, we must ensure these officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, will always be remembered”

Prior to its consideration on the Senate floor, Senate Bill 37 received unanimous approval from the Highways and Transportation Committee.

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Senator Jim Hughes represents the 16th Ohio Senate District, which includes a portion of Franklin County. Senator Hughes currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Financial Institutions.