

HCS HB 415 -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS

SPONSOR: Phillips

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 15 to 0.

This substitute changes and allows for special license plates and designates highways and bridges. In its main provisions, the substitute:

(1) Changes the designation of U.S. Interstate 70 from the western city limits of the City of St. Louis east to mile marker 248 as the "Mark Twain Highway." Currently, all of U.S. Interstate 70 within the City of St. Louis is designated as the "Mark Twain Highway." The substitute designates the portion of U.S. Interstate 70 from mile marker 248 to the Illinois border as the "Andy Gammon Memorial Highway." The costs for the designation are to be paid by private donations (Section 227.303, RSMo);

(2) Designates the bridge on U.S. Highway 65 over CST Overlook Avenue in Greene County as the "Missouri Fallen Soldiers Memorial Bridge" (Section 227.325);

(3) Designates the bridge on State Highway 5 over U.S. Interstate 44 in Laclede County as the "James R. Ledbetter Memorial Bridge" (Section 227.327);

(4) Designates the new U.S. Interstate 70 bridge crossing the Mississippi River between Missouri and Illinois as the "Stan Musial Memorial Bridge." The costs for the designation must be paid for by private donations. This provision will not become effective until the State of Illinois also designates the portion of the bridge that it owns and maintains as the "Stan Musial Memorial Bridge" (Section 227.421);

(5) Designates the bridge on U.S. Highway 160 over Lick Creek in Ozark County as the "Barney Douglas (The Citizen) Memorial Bridge" (Section 227.504);

(6) Designates the portion of State Highway 32 from the city limits of the City of Farmington northeast to the intersection of State Highway 144 as the "Sergeant Jeffery Kowalski Memorial Highway." The costs for the designation are to be paid by private donation (Section 227.515);

(7) Designates the portion of U.S. Interstate 70 in St. Louis City from Union Boulevard east to Kingshighway Boulevard as the "Police Officer Daryl Hall Memorial Highway." The costs for the

designation are to be paid by private donation (Section 227.517);

(8) Allows the owner of a motor vehicle other than an apportioned motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of 24,000 pounds to apply for a special personalized license plate. Currently, the owner of a motor vehicle other than an apportioned motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of 18,000 pounds may apply for the plate (Sections 301.130, 301.134, 301.144, 301.145, 301.441, 301.443 to 301.445, 301.447, 301.448, 301.451, 301.456, 301.457, 301.463 to 301.469 to 301.477, 301.481, 301.3032, 301.3040, 301.3043 to 301.3050, 301.3052 to 301.3119, 301.3122 to 301.3147, 301.3150, 301.3158 to 301.3170);

(9) Changes the "Operation Enduring Freedom" license plate to the "Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran" license plate and replaces the image of the American flag with an image of the Operation Enduring Freedom medal (Section 301.3090);

(10) Changes the "Operation Noble Eagle" license plate to the "Operation Noble Eagle Veteran" license plate and replaces the image of the American flag with an image of the Operation Noble Eagle medal (Section 301.3116);

(11) Repeals the fee requirement for the "Gold Star" license plate. Currently, the Department of Revenue may issue the plate to specified family members of a member of the United States military who was a resident of this state and who was killed in the line of duty upon receipt of an annual \$15 application fee plus the regular registration fee for a one-year plate or upon a biennial application fee of \$30 plus the regular registration fee for a two-year plate (Section 301.3142); and

(12) Allows any woman who served or currently serves in any branch of the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged to apply for a special license plate bearing the words "WOMEN VETERAN" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE" and an image to be determined by the Missouri Veterans Commission and the Director of the Department of Revenue for any motor vehicle except a commercial vehicle weighing over 12,000 pounds. To obtain the plate, a woman must apply to the department director and furnish proof of military service as the department director may require and payment of the annual personalized license plate fee and any other fees and documents that may be required by law. These plates cannot be transferred to any other person except that a registered co-owner of the vehicle may operate the vehicle with the plates for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person (Section 301.3172);

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will allow people with

heavier trucks to have specialty licenses plates.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Phillips.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.