



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
2009-10 Legislative Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

SENATE BILL: 888

PRINTER'S NO: 1058  
As amended A05978

PRIME SPONSOR: Ori

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
<b>Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):</b>		
Motor License Fund	\$1,000*	0

\*This cost is not significant enough to require an increase in any appropriation to PennDOT.

**OVERVIEW:**

This bill, as amended, designates the State Route 28 northbound and southbound bridges over State Route 8 in the boroughs of Etna and Sharpsburg, Allegheny County, as the *Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel Memorial Bridges* and requires the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to place and maintain appropriate signs.

The bill also repeals §9 of Act 178 of 2002 that designated a half intersection in honor of Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel on a yet-to-be built portion of the Mon/Fayette Expressway.

The effective date is sixty days.

**ANALYSIS:**

According to the Department of Transportation, it costs about \$1,000 to post signs designating a bridge or highway. These signs last typically twelve to fifteen years before they need to be replaced. This cost will be funded out of the Motor License Fund from the appropriation to the department for state highway maintenance. The General Appropriation Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 850 and Act No. 1A), which the Governor vetoed in part, provided \$764,379,000 for this line item for FY 2009/10. As passed by the General Assembly, Senate Bill 850 had provided \$775,339,000 for this line item but the Governor used his veto power to reduce the amount. The Supplemental General Appropriation Act of 2009 (House Bill 1416 and Act 10A of October 9, 2009) kept the appropriation at \$764,379,000, which is the same amount in Act No. 1A as it had been reduced by the Governor.

The cost of this bill is not significant enough to affect adversely PennDOT's maintenance budget.

The repeal of §9 of Act 178 has no cost. The Act had directed the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to erect signs displaying the half-intersection designation. Because the interchange has not yet been constructed, there are no signs to be removed.

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