

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 96

INTRODUCER: Senator DiCeglie

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations/Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick Memorial Highway

DATE: March 17, 2023

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Vickers	TR	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
2.			ATD	
3.			FP	

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**I. Summary:**

SB 96 designates the portion of I-275 between mile markers 30 and 31 in Pinellas County as “Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick Memorial Highway” and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

The estimated cost to the FDOT to install the designation markers required under the bill is \$1,480. See the “Fiscal Impact Statement” below for details.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations are not to be construed as requiring any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes.<sup>1</sup>

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the FDOT is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 334.071(1), F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 334.071(2), F.S.

The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations before the installation of the markers.<sup>3</sup>

### **Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick**

On September 22, 2022, Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick succumbed to injuries he received while working an overnight traffic-directing assignment in a construction zone at I-275 and Ulmerton Road, near the Howard Frankland Bridge. Deputy Hartwick was outside his cruiser when he was struck by a front-end loader hauling concrete barriers. Deputy Hartwick served with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for 19 years. He was 51 and was survived by his two sons and his mother.<sup>4</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law designating the portion of I-275 between mile markers 30 and 31 in Pinellas County as "Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick Memorial Highway" and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

#### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

#### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

#### **D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

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<sup>3</sup> Section 334.071(3), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> See Officer Down Memorial Page, *Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick*, available at [Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Florida \(odmp.org\)](https://odmp.org), and Fox News, *Florida deputy killed by illegal immigrant in hit-and-run before fleeing scene, sheriff says*, available at [Florida deputy killed by illegal immigrant in hit-and-run before fleeing scene, sheriff says | Fox News](https://www.foxnews.com) (last visited January 10, 2023).

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The estimated cost to erect the designation markers required under this bill is \$1,480, based on the assumption that a minimum of two markers are required at a cost to the FDOT of no less than \$740 each. The estimate includes labor, materials, manufacturing, and installation. The FDOT is expected to absorb the estimated cost within existing resources.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law.

**IX. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.