

SESSION OF 2017

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2203**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2203, as amended, would designate a portion of US-75, in Woodson County north of Yates Center, as the Eldon K Miller Memorial Highway. It would remove that portion of US-75 from designation as the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway.

The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to place signs in the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate the designations, after sufficient moneys are received from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing such signs and an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement costs of such signs.

**Background**

Representative Ellis requested the bill and testified as its proponent in the House Committee on Transportation hearing. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) provided neutral testimony, requesting the honoree's title be removed to comply with state requirements related to highway signs. No other testimony was provided.

According to testimony, Sergeant Miller, a native of Yates Center, served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper starting in

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

1953. He was killed in the line of duty in Overland Park in 1968.

The House Committee amended the bill to remove the honoree's final Highway Patrol rank.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDOT estimates it will cost \$2,480 to manufacture and install two signs along the portion of highway designated in the bill showing the designation. Including an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future sign maintenance, the Secretary would need to receive a total of \$3,720 from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$2,480 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.