SENATE BILL No. 3

By Senator Journey

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9 AN ACT relating to roads and highways; providing for highway safety memorial markers.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The secretary of transportation with respect to state highways and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction may erect and maintain highway safety memorial markers in accordance with the provisions of this section.

- (b) The secretary of transportation and local authorities may allow the placement of highway safety memorial markers for the purpose of memorializing people who have died as a result of a vehicle-related crash and to remind motorists to protect human life by driving safety.
- (c) Requests for highway safety memorial markers may be made by either immediate family members or friends. Requests made by friends shall require the approval of the immediate family of the deceased person.
- (d) The cost for the construction, maintenance and removal of a highway safety memorial marker shall be paid by the Kansas department of transportation for state highways and by local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction.
- (e) Highway safety memorial markers shall be allowed to remain in place for a minimum of one year, unless it becomes necessary to remove it due to construction or maintenance purposes. If, after one year, the highway safety memorial marker has been removed for any reason, the marker may be replaced by following the initial request procedure provided by this section.
- (f) Highway safety memorial markers shall be designed by the Kansas department of transportation.
- (g) Unauthorized memorial markers installed by private citizens shall be removed by either the department of transportation for state highways and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.