GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019

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H HOUSE BILL DRH40416-MWa-10A

Short Title: Lafayette Trail Highway Markers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hardister, Szoka, Iler, and Richardson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE AND ERECT HIGHWAY MARKERS TO COMMEMORATE AND RECOGNIZE THE LAFAYETTE TRAIL.

Whereas, the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution will be celebrated commencing in 2026; and

Whereas, the Marquis de Lafayette, a Frenchman, was instrumental in securing the support of France in the colonies' struggle for independence and fought bravely alongside Americans on the battlefield; and

Whereas, the Marquis de Lafayette returned to the United States in 1825 to travel the country and to visit his former comrades in arms, which included traveling through North Carolina; and

Whereas, the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette's return to the United States will be celebrated in 2025; and

Whereas, it is fitting that the State should recognize the contributions of the Marquis de Lafayette to the American Revolution, a period of war and uncertainty which led to the freedoms we now enjoy as Americans and North Carolinians; and

Whereas, the Department of Transportation is in a unique position to erect suitable highway markers in locations across the State that will ensure citizens of and visitors to our State will be informed about the significant contributions the Marquis de Lafayette made in the fight for American independence; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

TITLE OF THE ACT

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SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the "Recognition of the Lafayette Trail Act."

DESIGNATE ROADS AS THE LAFAYETTE TRAIL

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation shall designate the following road portions as the Lafayette Trail:

- (1) The portion of U.S. Highway 158 beginning in the Town of Murfreesboro and continuing westerly until the intersection with Barrows Mill Road past the Town of Jackson.
- (2) The portion of U.S. Highway 258 beginning in the Town of Como at the intersection with Mill Neck Road and continuing southward until the intersection with Hill Ferry Road.



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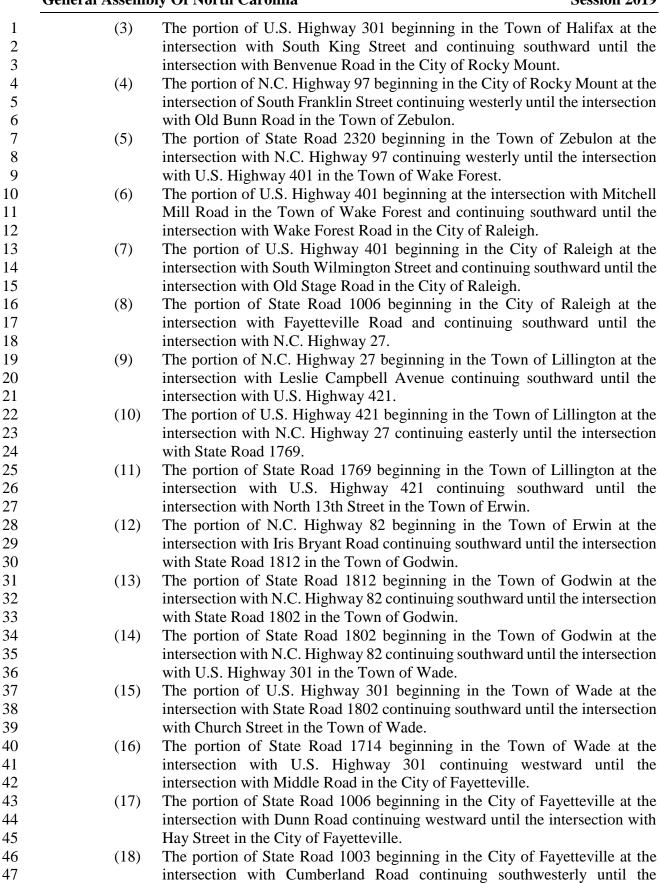
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intersection with Spring Hill Road in the Town of Red Springs.

intersection with State Road 1105 in the Town of Lumber Bridge.

The portion of State Road 1105 beginning in the Town of Lumber Bridge at

the intersection with Cumberland Road continuing westerly until the

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APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY MARKERS

SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation the sum of eighty-four thousand dollars (\$84,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in nonrecurring funds for the purpose of having manufactured 42 highway markers bearing the Lafayette Trail logo used by the American Friends of Lafayette.

until the South Carolina state line.

The portion of State Road 1405 beginning in the Town of Wagram at the

intersection with U.S. Highway 401 continuing westerly until the intersection

The portion of State Road 1152 beginning in the unincorporated community

of Laurel Hill at the intersection with U.S. Highway 74 continuing westerly

with State Road 1319 in the unincorporated community of Laurel Hill.

SIGN LOCATIONS AND STANDARDS

SECTION 4.(a) The Department of Transportation shall, in consultation with the American Friends of Lafayette, determine the exact location where the highway markers authorized in Section 3 of this act shall be erected. All highway markers authorized by this act shall be erected and maintained by the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 4.(b) All highway markers designed, manufactured, and erected, as authorized in this act, shall conform with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, published by the United States Department of Transportation, and any supplement to that Manual adopted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

SECTION 5. The Department of Transportation shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the use of the funds appropriated in this act by March 1 of each year until the funds are spent or have reverted.

EFFECTIVE DATE

COMMITTEE REPORT

SECTION 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.

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