

## State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 174

June 8, 2011 – Introduced by Representative Clark, cosponsored by Senator Olsen. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT *to create* 84.10235 of the statutes; **relating to:** designating and marking a bridge on STH 33 in the city of Portage as the Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, certain highway routes and bridges have been designated and marked to memorialize, commemorate, or recognize certain individuals, groups, or events. This bill directs the Department of Transportation to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the bridge on STH 33 across the Wisconsin River in the city of Portage as the "Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge" to recognize and honor this fearless and honest early settler of Wisconsin who operated a ferry business across the Wisconsin River and served as an intermediary between the federal government and the Native Americans of the area. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any markers to identify the bridge as the "Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge."

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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**Section 1.** 84.10235 of the statutes is created to read:

84.10235 Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge. (1) The department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the bridge on STH 33 across the Wisconsin River in the city of Portage as the "Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge" to recognize and honor this fearless and scrupulously honest early settler of Wisconsin who operated a ferry business across the Wisconsin River where the bridge now stands and who served as an intermediary between the federal government and the Native Americans of the area.

(2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining markers for the bridge specified in sub. (1) to identify clearly to motorists the designation of the bridge as the "Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge," the department shall erect and maintain the markers as provided in sub. (1). No state funds, other than from the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection or maintenance of the markers. The department shall determine the placement of the markers, which may be located on the bridge or within the highway right-of-way approaching the bridge.

18 (END)