



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 SENATE BILL 447

October 12, 2017 - Introduced by Senators BEWLEY and SHILLING, cosponsored by Representatives MILROY and MEYERS. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber* 84.1036 (1); *to amend* 84.1036 (title) and 84.1036 (2); and  
2             *to create* 84.1036 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** designating the Richard  
3             I. Bong Memorial Bridge.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the bridge on USH 2 across the St. Louis River between the city of Superior in Douglas County and the city of Duluth in the state of Minnesota as the "Richard I. Bong Memorial Bridge."

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 84.1036 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             **84.1036** (title) **Major Richard I. Bong Memorial Highway and Bridge.**  
6             **SECTION 2.** 84.1036 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 84.1036 (1) (a).  
7             **SECTION 3.** 84.1036 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:  
8             84.1036 (1) (b) The department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark  
9             the bridge on USH 2 across the St. Louis River between the city of Superior in

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1 Douglas County and the city of Duluth in the state of Minnesota as the “Richard I.  
2 Bong Memorial Bridge” in recognition and appreciation of the many military  
3 accomplishments during World War II of Major Richard I. Bong who was born in the  
4 city of Superior in Douglas County, received 26 decorations, including the  
5 Congressional Medal of Honor, and is widely known as “America’s Ace of Aces.”

6 **SECTION 4.** 84.1036 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 84.1036 (2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties,  
8 including any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and  
9 maintaining markers along the route specified in sub. (1) (a) to clearly identify to  
10 motorists the designation of the route as the “Major Richard I. Bong Memorial  
11 Highway,” the department shall erect and maintain the markers. Upon receipt of  
12 sufficient contributions from interested parties, including any county, city, village,  
13 or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining markers at the bridge  
14 specified in sub. (1) (b) to clearly identify to motorists the designation of the bridge  
15 as the “Richard I. Bong Memorial Bridge,” the department shall erect and maintain  
16 the markers. No state funds, other than from the receipt of contributions under this  
17 subsection, may be expended for the erection or maintenance of the markers.

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(END)