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AN ACT

To amend chapter 253, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the state historical monuments, memorials, and markers board, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 253, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 253.393 and 253.394, to read as follows:

253.393. 1. There is hereby established the "State Historical Monuments, Memorials, and Markers Board" within the Department of Natural Resources. The board shall consist of twelve members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. Each member shall serve for a term of three years, except for the first members appointed, which shall have four members that serve one year, four members that serve two years and four members that serve three years. Thereafter, each member shall serve three years. The director of the department of natural resources shall serve as chairman of the board and his or her vote shall break any tie vote of the board. The executive director of the state historical society of Missouri shall serve as an ex officio member of the board. The board shall meet when called by the chairman, but shall meet at least annually. The board shall adopt written procedures to govern its activities. The board shall report annually to the general assembly on its activities.

2. Members of the board shall receive no compensation for their

service, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

3. The board shall:

(1) Hold public meetings in accordance with chapter 536, RSMo, regarding the addition, modification, or removal of any permanent monument on any site under the control of the department or amending practice or permitted public ceremony;

(2) Maintain an inventory of historical monuments, memorials, or markers, on state sites, veterans grave markers on state, municipal, and private property; and

(3) File and publish an annual report of the activity and status of all historically designated monuments, memorials, and veterans' grave markers.

253.394. Any person knowingly removes, defaces, or destroys any monument, memorial, or veterans' grave marker shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

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