
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 925 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, OCTOBER 25, 2019

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 25, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified by Bridge Key 31377, on that
2 portion of State Route 2047 over the Flaugherty Creek,
3 Meyersdale Borough, Somerset County, as the Harry Beal
4 Bridge.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The Harry Beal Bridge.

8 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
9 follows:

10 (1) Harry Beal enlisted in the United States Navy in
11 June 1948, at 17 years of age.

12 (2) Mr. Beal completed specialized training in
13 underwater demolition, becoming what is commonly referred to
14 as a Navy "frogman."

15 (3) In 1962, President John F. Kennedy set out to look
16 for an elite group of Navy servicemen that could go anywhere
17 in the world at a moment's notice, creating the United States
18 Navy SEALs.

19 (4) The first person to step forward and sign up for the

1 new unit, Harry Beal is recognized as the first official Navy
2 SEAL.

3 (5) As a member of SEAL Team Two, based out of Little
4 Creek, Virginia, Mr. Beal's 20 years of service took him to
5 South America, Southeast Asia, Europe and the Caribbean Sea.

6 (6) Mr. Beal was part of a team that brought John Glenn
7 out of the space capsule after orbiting the earth.

8 (7) Following his military service, Mr. Beal worked for
9 the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for 20 years
10 before retiring.

11 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified by Bridge Key
12 31377, located on State Route 2047 in Meyersdale Borough,
13 Somerset County, over the Flaugherty Creek is designated the
14 Harry Beal Bridge.

15 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
16 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
17 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

18 Section 2. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.