
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 397 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, MARCH 11, 2019

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 11, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating the interchange of the Mon-Fayette Expressway,
2 Pennsylvania Route 43 and U.S. Route 119 in North Union
3 Township, Fayette County, as the Senator Richard A. Kasunic
4 Interchange.

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

7 Section 1. Senator Richard A. Kasunic Interchange.

8 (a) Findings.--

9 (1) Senator Kasunic was first elected to the House of
10 Representatives in 1982 and went on to serve for six terms as
11 the elected Representative of the 52nd Pennsylvania House
12 District.

13 (2) In 1994, Senator Kasunic was elected to the Senate,
14 where he would serve for five terms representing the 32nd
15 Senate District until his retirement in 2014.

16 (3) As an elected member of both the Senate and House of
17 Representatives, Senator Kasunic was responsible for numerous
18 economic and infrastructure advancements in Fayette County,
19 of which completion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway was his

1 priority.

2 (4) Senator Kasunic pursued construction of a limited
3 access four-lane highway through Fayette County in
4 furtherance of the public safety, welfare and economic
5 development.

6 (5) In 1985, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill No.
7 441, which was signed into law as the former act of September
8 30, 1985 (P.L.240, No.61), known as the Turnpike
9 Organization, Extension and Toll Road Conversion Act, which
10 authorized the Mon-Fayette Expressway.

11 (6) The construction of the Mon-Fayette Expressway
12 through Fayette County occurred in two phases. The first,
13 known as the Mason-Dixon Link, consisted of nearly eight
14 miles of highway that opened for traffic in March 2000.

15 (7) The second phase of the Mon-Fayette Expressway,
16 known as the Uniontown to Brownsville Link, began with an
17 interchange at U.S. Route 119 and proceeded northwest 15
18 miles to an interchange with State Route 88 in Centerville
19 Borough, Washington County, and opened fully to traffic in
20 July 2012.

21 (b) Designation.--The interchange of the Mon-Fayette
22 Expressway, Pennsylvania Route 43 and U.S. Route 119 in North
23 Union Township, Fayette County, is designated the Senator
24 Richard A. Kasunic Interchange.

25 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
26 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the
27 interchange to traffic in both directions on the interchange.
28 Section 2. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect in 60 days.