
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 706 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY M. WHITE, MAY 26, 2005

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MAY 26, 2005

AN ACT

1 Designating the Main Street Bridge in Butler, Butler County,
2 Pennsylvania, as the General Richard Butler Bridge.

3 WHEREAS, During the Revolutionary War, Richard Butler fought
4 with General George Washington at Valley Forge and also was
5 involved in the battles of Saratoga, Yorktown and Monmouth; and

6 WHEREAS, At the end of the war, Richard Butler held the rank
7 of colonel of the Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment and served as a
8 commissioner negotiating treaties with six American Indian
9 tribes; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1788, Richard Butler was appointed a judge of the
11 Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County and promoted to major
12 general under General Arthur St. Clair, who was the commander-
13 in-chief of the United States Army; and

14 WHEREAS, General Butler was instrumental in establishing
15 Allegheny County as a separate political entity from
16 Westmoreland County; and

17 WHEREAS, When Allegheny County was divided in 1800, an area

1 north of Pittsburgh was named Butler County in honor of General
2 Butler; and

3 WHEREAS, General Butler was killed in 1791 during the Battle
4 of Miami, which took place in Ohio on the banks of the Wabash
5 River.

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

8 Section 1. Designation.

9 The bridge carrying State Route 8, Main Street, in Butler,
10 Butler County, over the Connoquenessing Creek, the B&P Railroad,
11 the B&LE Railroad and Quarry Street, is hereby designated and
12 shall be known as the General Richard Butler Bridge.

13 Section 2. Signs.

14 The Department of Transportation shall place appropriate
15 signs at both ends of the bridge referred to in section 1
16 (relating to signs).

17 Section 3. Effective date.

18 This act shall take effect immediately.