

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1206 Session of
2006

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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS, NOVEMBER 20, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 15, 2006 (P.L.200, No.47), entitled "An
2 act designating the bridge carrying State Route 1025 over
3 Interstate 79 in North Strabane Township, Washington County,
4 as the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge," further providing for
5 the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge designation; designating
6 State Route 830 extending from Interstate 80 to the DuBois-
7 Jefferson County Airport in Washington Township, Jefferson
8 County, as the Francis H. "Bud" Scherer Memorial Highway;
9 ~~designating a portion of State Route 291 in Delaware County~~ <—
10 ~~as the Willie Mae James Leake Memorial Highway;~~ <—
11 THE PORTION OF U.S. 6 IN LINESVILLE BOROUGH, CRAWFORD COUNTY,
12 AS THE U.S. 6 "GATEWAY TO THE WEST" AND "GATEWAY TO
13 PENNSYLVANIA" AND THE PORTION OF U.S. 6 IN MATAMORAS BOROUGH,
14 PIKE COUNTY, AS THE U.S. 6 "GATEWAY TO THE EAST" AND "GATEWAY
15 TO PENNSYLVANIA"; designating the bridge on Interstate 79
16 crossing U.S. Route 6N in Washington Township, Erie County,
17 as the Dr. Ray F. Birchard Memorial Bridge; designating Front
18 Street, from Allegheny Avenue to Rocky Grove Avenue in the
19 Borough of Sugarcreek, Venango County, as the Mayor John D.
20 McClelland Honorary Highway; ~~and~~ designating SR 255 from SR <—
21 948, Fox Township, Elk County, to the former St. Marys
22 Borough line in Elk County, as the William F. Renwick
23 Memorial Highway; DESIGNATING STATE ROUTE 263 IN HATBORO, <—
24 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AS THE ROY W. CORNELL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY;
25 AND RENAMING THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 837 IN THE CITY
26 LIMITS OF CLAIRTON, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, AS THE DOMINIC P.
27 SERAPIGLIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

28 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

29 hereby enacts as follows:

30 Section 1. The title and section 1(a) of the act of June 15,

2006 (P.L.200, No.47), entitled "An act designating the bridge carrying State Route 1025 over Interstate 79 in North Strabane Township, Washington County, as the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge," are amended to read:

AN ACT

Designating the bridge carrying State Route [1025] 1035 over Interstate 79 in North Strabane Township, Washington County, as the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge[.]; designating State Route 830 extending from Interstate 80 to the DuBois-Jefferson County Airport in Washington Township, Jefferson County, as the Francis H. "Bud" Scherer Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 291 in Delaware County as the Willie Mae James Leake Memorial Highway; designating DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF U.S. 6 IN LINESVILLE BOROUGH, CRAWFORD COUNTY, AS THE U.S. 6 "GATEWAY TO THE WEST" AND "GATEWAY TO PENNSYLVANIA" AND THE PORTION OF U.S. 6 IN MATAMORAS BOROUGH, PIKE COUNTY, AS THE U.S. 6 "GATEWAY TO THE EAST" AND "GATEWAY TO PENNSYLVANIA"; DESIGNATING the bridge on Interstate 79 crossing U.S. Route 6N in Washington Township, Erie County, as the Dr. Ray F. Birchard Memorial Bridge; designating Front Street, from Allegheny Avenue to Rocky Grove Avenue in the Borough of Sugarcreek, Venango County, as the Mayor John D. McClelland Honorary Highway; and designating SR 255 from SR 948, Fox Township, Elk County, to the former St. Mary's Borough line in Elk County, as the William F. Renwick Memorial Highway; DESIGNATING STATE ROUTE 263 IN HATBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AS THE ROY W. CORNELL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; AND RENAMING THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 837 IN THE CITY LIMITS OF CLAIRTON, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, AS THE DOMINIC P. SERAPIGLIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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1 Section 1. Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge.

2 (a) Designation.--The bridge carrying State Route [1025]
3 1035 over Interstate 79 in North Strabane Township, Washington
4 County, is designated and shall be known as the Canon-McMillan
5 Alumni Bridge.

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7 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

8 Section 1.1. Francis H. "Bud" Scherer Memorial Highway.

9 (a) Designation.--State Route 830 extending from Interstate
10 80 to the DuBois-Jefferson County Airport in Washington
11 Township, Jefferson County, is designated and shall be known as
12 the Francis H. "Bud" Scherer Memorial Highway.

13 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
14 maintain signs which shall display the name of the highway
15 designated in subsection (a) at each end of the designated road.

16 ~~Section 1.2. Willie Mae James Leake Memorial Highway.~~ <—

17 ~~(a) Declaration of policy. The General Assembly finds and~~
18 ~~declares that:~~

19 ~~(1) Mayor Willie Mae James Leake had the distinction of~~
20 ~~being the first African American mayor for the City of~~
21 ~~Chester, Delaware County, and served in that capacity from~~
22 ~~1986 to 1991.~~

23 ~~(2) Mayor Leake's pride for the City of Chester led her~~
24 ~~to a career in city politics. Mayor Leake's political career~~
25 ~~began in 1972. Subsequently, she began this career appointed~~
26 ~~to the Chester Upland School Board. In 1977 Mayor Leake~~
27 ~~received the highest number of votes among Republican~~
28 ~~candidates for a six year term on the school board. In 1982~~
29 ~~Mayor Leake was appointed City Treasurer. In January 1983~~
30 ~~Mayor Leake was appointed to the City Council of Chester,~~

~~Pennsylvania, and at this time she made history as the first woman to serve on City Council.~~

~~(3) Mayor Leake was also on the executive board of the Chester branch of the NAACP.~~

~~(4) The distinguished achievements and contributions of Mayor Willie Mae James Leake reflect the spirit of not only a distinguished servant to the City of Chester, Delaware County, and the Commonwealth, but also a great Pennsylvanian.~~

~~(b) Designation. The highway in Delaware County carrying State Route 291 from Ridley Creek to the Trainer Borough line is hereby designated and shall be known as the Willie Mae James Leake Memorial Highway. The designation under this subsection shall supersede any previous designation of this portion of highway.~~

~~(c) Signs. The Department of Transportation shall erect appropriate signs at each end of the highway displaying the designation made by this section.~~

SECTION 1.2. U.S. 6 GATEWAY DESIGNATION.

(A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

(1) HISTORIC U.S. 6 IS THE LONGEST HIGHWAY EVER ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES, STRETCHING 3,652 MILES FROM PROVINCETOWN ON CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS, ALL THE WAY TO LONG BEACH ISLAND IN CALIFORNIA.

(2) IN OCTOBER OF 1925, AS PART OF A RECOMMENDED 75,884-MILE U.S. NUMBERED HIGHWAY SYSTEM, THE JOINT BOARD ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS PROPOSED U.S. 6 FROM PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS, THROUGH RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT AND STRETCHING TO BREWSTER, NEW YORK.

(3) BY THE TIME THE DEBATES ON THIS SYSTEM CONCLUDED AND

1 THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY OFFICIALS (AASHO)
2 APPROVED THE PROPOSAL, U.S. 6 CONSISTED OF 707 MILES
3 STRETCHING FROM PROVINCETOWN TO ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA. A LARGE
4 GAP IN THIS ROUTE (THROUGH NEW YORK) WAS FILLED IN 1928.

5 (4) THE HISTORIC HIGHWAY BEGAN AS AN ENTITY IN NOVEMBER
6 OF 1926 WHEN THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY
7 OFFICIALS ADOPTED THE FEDERAL NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR MARKING
8 THE NATION'S MAIN INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.

9 (5) U.S. 6 WAS SIGNED IN 1926 AND IN THE EARLY YEARS ITS
10 WESTERN TERMINUS WAS IN ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.

11 (6) IN 1938, U.S. 6 WAS WIDENED FROM CLARK'S SUMMIT TO
12 SCRANTON AND MILFORD TO THE NEW YORK STATE LINE.

13 (7) ONCE KNOWN AS THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY, U.S. 6
14 WAS FORMALLY DEDICATED AS THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
15 HIGHWAY AT A CEREMONY IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ON MAY 3,
16 1953.

17 (8) U.S. 6 RUNS EXACTLY 399.81 MILES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

18 (9) WITH ORIGINS THAT PREDATE THE AMERICAN COLONIES,
19 U.S. 6 HAS GROWN AS THE UNITED STATES HAS GROWN -- FROM THE
20 APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS OF NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA, TO THE
21 GREAT PLAINS OF IOWA AND NEBRASKA, TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS OF
22 COLORADO AND UTAH, U.S. 6 CONNECTS BIG CITIES LIKE CLEVELAND
23 AND DENVER, STATE CAPITALS LIKE PROVIDENCE AND DES MOINES,
24 AND SMALL HAMLETS LIKE NAPPANEE, INDIANA, AND ELY, NEVADA.
25 THESE TOWNS AND REGIONS COULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM PROTECTING
26 AND PROMOTING THIS HISTORIC RESOURCE.

27 (10) THIS HISTORIC TRANSCONTINENTAL HIGHWAY CONTINUES TO
28 BE ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE AND SCENIC ROADWAYS IN THE WORLD
29 AND IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE WORTH PROTECTING AND SHOWCASING.

30 (11) PENNSYLVANIA HAS AUTHORIZED THE U.S. 6 HERITAGE

1 CORRIDOR AS THE COMMONWEALTH'S TWELFTH HERITAGE PARK,
2 STRETCHING THROUGH 11 NORTHERN COUNTIES.

3 (12) THE CORRIDOR CONNECTS FOUR STATE HERITAGE AREAS AND
4 TWO NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS, TRAVERSES THROUGH THE POCONO
5 MOUNTAINS, ENDLESS MOUNTAINS, ALLEGHENY MOUNTAINS, THE
6 ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST AND TWO LARGE STATE FOREST TRACTS,
7 IS CLOSE TO AT LEAST 19 STATE PARKS, AND SERVES AS AN ENTRY
8 POINT FOR THE GREAT LAKES REGION, THE PENNSYLVANIA NORTHEAST
9 MOUNTAIN REGION AS WELL AS THE "PENNSYLVANIA WILDS" -- AN
10 INITIATIVE AIMED AT INCREASING NATURE-BASED TOURISM IN THE
11 STATE'S NORTH CENTRAL COUNTIES.

12 (13) THE PENNSYLVANIA ENTRY POINTS, LINESVILLE IN
13 CRAWFORD COUNTY AND MATAMORAS IN PIKE COUNTY, HAVE LONG BEEN
14 CONSIDERED AS THE PENNSYLVANIA GATEWAYS TO THE WEST AND EAST,
15 RESPECTIVELY.

16 (14) LINESVILLE, WHICH IS THE 500 MILE MARKER BETWEEN
17 NEW YORK AND CHICAGO, IS A BOROUGH LOCATED IN CRAWFORD COUNTY
18 WITH A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 1,155.

19 (15) LINESVILLE WILL BE THE FUTURE HOME OF THE NATIONAL
20 U.S. ROUTE 6 MUSEUM, WHICH WILL HIGHLIGHT THE IMPACT AND
21 IMPORTANCE OF U.S. 6 ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY AND
22 WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON ITS
23 HISTORIC AND CURRENT SIGNIFICANCE.

24 (16) MATAMORAS IS A BOROUGH LOCATED IN PIKE COUNTY WITH
25 A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2,312.

26 (B) DESIGNATION.--

27 (1) THE PORTION OF U.S. 6 IN LINESVILLE BOROUGH,
28 CRAWFORD COUNTY, IS DESIGNATED AS THE U.S. 6 "GATEWAY TO THE
29 WEST" FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC AND "GATEWAY TO PENNSYLVANIA" FOR
30 EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

1 (2) THE PORTION OF U.S. 6 IN MATAMORAS BOROUGH, PIKE
2 COUNTY, IS DESIGNATED AS THE U.S. 6 "GATEWAY TO THE EAST" FOR
3 EASTBOUND TRAFFIC AND "GATEWAY TO PENNSYLVANIA" FOR WESTBOUND
4 TRAFFIC.

5 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL, IN
6 CONSULTATION WITH THE BOROUGH OF LINESVILLE AND MATAMORAS,
7 ERECT AND MAINTAIN SIGNS TO INDICATE THE DESIGNATIONS UNDER
8 SUBSECTION (B).

9 Section 1.3. Dr. Ray F. Birchard Memorial Bridge.

10 (a) Declaration of policy.--The General Assembly finds and
11 declares as follows:

12 (1) Dr. Ray F. Birchard was born in 1926 in Cambridge
13 Springs and graduated in 1949 from New York State College of
14 Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University.

15 (2) Dr. Ray F. Birchard served the public and the
16 community as a member of the Washington Township Zoning
17 Hearing Board from March 1979 until April 1993. He further
18 served on the General McLane School Board, was an active
19 member of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical
20 Association, the Masonic Lodge in Edinboro and countless
21 other community and civic organizations until his death on
22 September 7, 2006.

23 (3) Dr. Ray F. Birchard was dedicated to serving the
24 public and the community, and he did so with distinction and
25 a true spirit of community and family.

26 (b) Designation.--The bridge on Interstate 79 crossing U.S.
27 Route 6N in Washington Township, Erie County, is hereby
28 designated as the Dr. Ray F. Birchard Memorial Bridge.

29 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
30 maintain appropriate signs to indicate the designation under

1 subsection (b).

2 Section 1.4. Mayor John D. McClelland Honorary Highway.

3 (a) Designation.--Front Street, a section of State Route
4 4002, from Pennsylvania Routes 8 and 62 to Pennsylvania Route
5 417, in the village of Rocky Grove, Borough of Sugarcreek,
6 Venango County, is designated and shall be known as the Mayor
7 John D. McClelland Honorary Highway.

8 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
9 maintain signs which shall display the name of the highway
10 designated in subsection (a) at each end of the designated road.

11 Section 1.5. William F. Renwick Memorial Highway.

12 (a) Findings.--William F. Renwick was a former member of the
13 Pennsylvania House of Representatives who passed away February
14 28, 1981, at the age of 65. He was a United States Marine Corps
15 veteran of World War II, was first elected to the House of
16 Representatives in 1954 and served for 24 consecutive years
17 until 1978. He was a leader in sportsmen's and environmental
18 issues, a member of the St. Marys Sportsmen's Club and chairman
19 of the Game and Fisheries Committee of the House of
20 Representatives. He served as a member of St. Marys Borough
21 Council from 1945 to 1949, was an active member of the Knights
22 of Columbus, the American Legion and the Benevolent and
23 Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Renwick was highly respected and
24 admired by his constituents and colleagues as an honest and
25 dedicated politician who was committed to the well-being of his
26 community and the citizens of this Commonwealth.

27 (b) Designation.--~~SR 255 from SR 948~~ STATE ROUTE 255 FROM <—
28 STATE ROUTE 948, Fox Township, Elk County, to the former St.
29 Marys Borough line in Elk County is designated and shall be
30 known as the William F. Renwick Memorial Highway.

1 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
2 maintain signs which shall display the name of the highway
3 designated in subsection (b) at each end of the designated
4 highway.

5 SECTION 1.6. ROY W. CORNELL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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6 (A) DECLARATION OF POLICY.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND
7 DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

8 (1) ROY W. CORNELL WAS BORN IN 1943 IN ABINGTON AND
9 GRADUATED IN 1961 FROM HATBORO-HORSHAM HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS
10 ELECTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1978 AND SERVED THIS
11 COMMONWEALTH WITH DISTINCTION UNTIL HIS DEATH ON JANUARY 1,
12 2004.

13 (2) ROY W. CORNELL SERVED THE PUBLIC AS A MEMBER OF
14 HATBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL FROM 1972 UNTIL 1978 AND SERVED AS
15 HATBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR TWO OF THOSE YEARS.

16 (3) ROY W. CORNELL WAS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
17 TITLE EXAMINERS, THE EASTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF
18 REALTORS, THE W.K. BRAY LODGE 410, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
19 THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION AND THE HATBORO
20 BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION.

21 (4) ROY W. CORNELL WAS A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT TO THE
22 BOROUGH OF HATBORO AND THE 152ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT FOR
23 OVER 30 YEARS.

24 (B) DESIGNATION.--STATE ROUTE 263 IN HATBORO BOROUGH,
25 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE ROY W. CORNELL
26 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

27 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
28 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS TO INDICATE THE DESIGNATION UNDER
29 SUBSECTION (B).

30 SECTION 1.7. DOMINIC P. SERAPIGLIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

1 (A) RENAMING.--THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 837 IN THE CITY
2 LIMITS OF CLAIRTON, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, IS RENAMED THE DOMINIC P.
3 SERAPIGLIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

4 (B) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
5 MAINTAIN SIGNS WHICH SHALL DISPLAY THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY
6 RENAMED IN SUBSECTION (A) AT EACH END OF THE DESIGNATED ROAD.

7 Section 3. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar
8 as they are inconsistent with this act.

9 Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:

10 (1) The addition of section 1.1 of the act shall take
11 effect July 31, 2007.

12 (2) The addition of sections ~~1.4 and 1.5~~ 1.2, 1.4, 1.5 <—
13 AND 1.6 of the act shall take effect in 60 days.

14 (3) The remainder of this act shall take effect
15 immediately.