
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 972 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, MADIGAN, STOUT, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA,
ERICKSON, KITCHEN, WONDERLING, RHOADES, COSTA, ROBBINS,
TOMLINSON AND ORIE, JUNE 14, 2007

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 14, 2007

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of U.S. Route 322 in Centre County as the
2 Thomas D. Larson Highway.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Thomas D. Larson Highway.

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

8 (1) Thomas D. Larson served as Secretary of
9 Transportation from 1979 to 1987 during Governor Richard
10 Thornburgh's administration.

11 (2) Thomas D. Larson is recognized as the individual who
12 was instrumental in reforming the Pennsylvania Department of
13 Transportation and making it a national model of
14 professionalism and innovation.

15 (3) After completing his service as secretary, Thomas D.
16 Larson was sworn in as Federal Highway Administrator on
17 August 10, 1989, and served until 1993.

1 (4) During his tenure as Federal Highway Administrator,
2 he played an important role in the crafting of the Intermodal
3 Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (Public
4 Law 102-240, 105 Stat. 1914).

5 (5) Before and after his public service to the
6 Commonwealth and the United States, Thomas D. Larson also
7 distinguished himself as a researcher and professor of civil
8 and environmental engineering at The Pennsylvania State
9 University, College of Engineering, and in preparing the next
10 generation of transportation professionals.

11 (6) Pennsylvania lost a dedicated public servant,
12 teacher and community leader on July 20, 2006.

13 (b) Designation.--State Route 322 in Harris, College and
14 Patton Townships, Centre County, from Segment Nos. 450/748 to
15 570/000 is hereby designated as the Thomas D. Larson Highway.

16 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
17 maintain appropriate signs to indicate the designation under
18 subsection (b).

19 Section 2. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.