
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1157 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA,
DINNIMAN, EARLL, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE,
ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SMUCKER, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE
AND M. WHITE, DECEMBER 14, 2009

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, DECEMBER 14, 2009

AN ACT

1 Designating State Route 283, from the PA Turnpike Interchange in
2 Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, to State Route 30 in
3 Manheim Township, Lancaster County, as the 283rd Field
4 Artillery Battalion Highway.

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

7 Section 1. The 283rd Field Artillery Battalion Highway.

8 (a) Findings.--

9 (1) The soldiers of the United States Army's 283rd Field
10 Artillery Battalion served with valor and distinction in
11 combat in the European Theater of Operations in World War II.
12 The battalion was in combat for 268 continuous days and
13 traveled a total distance of approximately 10,757 miles over
14 land and sea during active service.

15 (2) The 283rd Field Artillery Battalion was activated at
16 Camp Rucker, Alabama, on June 25, 1943. After a year of
17 stateside training, the Battalion sailed to the United
18 Kingdom on June 22, 1944, where training continued at Camp

1 Llanover, Wales, before cross-channel deployment.

2 (3) The 283rd Field Artillery Battalion was part of the
3 historic landing at Utah Beach on August 11, 1944. The
4 battalion fought through France to Berchtesgaden, Germany,
5 during the Campaign for Northern France from August 11 to
6 September 14, 1944.

7 (4) The 283rd continued combat in the Campaign for the
8 Rhineland from September 15, 1944, to March 22, 1945, and in
9 the Campaign for Central Europe from March 23, 1945 to May 8,
10 1945 (VE Day).

11 (5) During the final campaign, the 283rd Field Artillery
12 Battalion took part in the Battle of Bamberg, the Battle of
13 Nurnberg and the Battle of Munich.

14 (6) Not organic to any specific division, the 283rd
15 Field Artillery Battalion served under various headquarters
16 of Armies, Corps, Groups and Divisions.

17 (b) Designation.--State Route 283, from the PA Turnpike
18 Interchange in Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, to State
19 Route 30 in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, is designated as
20 the 283rd Field Artillery Battalion Highway.

21 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
22 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
23 traffic in both directions.

24 Section 2. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.