
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 559 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, ROBBINS, EARLL,
ALLOWAY, YAW, ORIE AND WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

AN ACT

1 Providing for the designation of the building referred to as the
2 Commonwealth Keystone Building in the City of Harrisburg as
3 the Thomas D. Larson Building.

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

6 Section 1. Thomas D. Larson Building.

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

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

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

16 (3) After completing his service as secretary, Larson
17 was sworn in as Federal Highway Administrator on August 10,
18 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, Larson also distinguished
7 himself as a professor of civil and environmental engineering
8 at The Pennsylvania State University, College of Engineering,
9 and in preparing the next generation of transportation
10 professionals.

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

13 (b) Designation.--The building referred to as the
14 Commonwealth Keystone Building in the City of Harrisburg is
15 designated as, and shall be known as, the Thomas D. Larson
16 Building.

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

20 Section 2. Repeal.

21 All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are
22 inconsistent with this act.

23 Section 3. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect immediately.