
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242, No.428), entitled
2 "An act relating to roads, streets, highways and bridges;
3 amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws
4 administered by the Secretary of Highways and by the
5 Department of Highways relating thereto," providing for
6 commemorative designations; and making editorial changes.

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

9 Section 1. The title and section 102(3) and (4) of the act
10 of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242, No.428), known as the State Highway
11 Law, are amended to read:

12 AN ACT

13 Relating to roads, streets, highways and bridges; amending,
14 revising, consolidating and changing the laws administered by
15 the Secretary of [Highways] Transportation and by the
16 Department of [Highways] Transportation relating thereto.

17 Section 102. Definitions.--When used in this act, the
18 following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

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20 (3) "Department" shall mean the Department of [Highways]

1 Transportation of the Commonwealth.

2 (4) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of [Highways]
3 Transportation of the Commonwealth.

4 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

5 Section 204.1. Commemorative Designations.--The naming of a
6 State-owned road or bridge to commemorate an individual or group
7 shall not require an act of the General Assembly, but shall be
8 at the discretion of the secretary, provided the following
9 criteria are met:

10 (1) Any individual, organization or political subdivision
11 requesting the commemorative designation must have a sponsor
12 within the General Assembly who supports the designation
13 request.

14 (2) Except as set forth in paragraph (3):

15 (i) An individual, organization or political subdivision
16 requesting the commemorative designation must obtain a minimum
17 of one hundred (100) signatures of Commonwealth residents on a
18 petition and submit that petition to the department.

19 (ii) An individual in whose name a State-owned road or
20 bridge is to be designated must be deceased for at least two
21 years prior to the designation request.

22 (iii) The individual, organization or political subdivision
23 requesting or sponsoring the designation request must pay the
24 department in full for the cost of erecting and maintaining the
25 signs displaying the commemorative designation.

26 (3) The provisions of paragraph (2) do not apply to a
27 commemorative designation for any of the following:

28 (i) A member of the military who was killed in action during
29 a period of war or armed conflict.

30 (ii) Law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty.

1 (iii) An emergency responder killed in the line of duty.

2 (4) The department shall pay the costs of erecting and

3 maintaining signs for commemorative designations under paragraph

4 (3).

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.