
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 716 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, FONTANA, BREWSTER, SMITH, COSTA AND
AUMENT, APRIL 10, 2015

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 10, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge on State Route 34 that connects the banks
2 of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul
3 Reider Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Paul Reider Bridge.

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

9 (1) In 1789, Paul Reider purchased a tract of land on
10 the banks of the Juniata River from David English.

11 (2) Over time, Reider's descendants founded the town of
12 Reider's Ferry at that point on the Juniata River, which was
13 formally established in 1804 as the town of Reidersville.

14 (3) Today the town of Reidersville is known as Newport.

15 (4) The Reider's Ferry Bridge Company, founded in 1838,
16 constructed a covered bridge in 1851 spanning the Juniata
17 River connecting Newport to Howe Township.

18 (5) That bridge was destroyed in an 1889 flood and

1 replaced with another covered bridge.

2 (6) In 1903, the covered bridge was replaced with an
3 iron bridge.

4 (7) In 1934, the iron bridge was replaced with a steel
5 bridge, which has remained unnamed.

6 (8) The Newport Celebrates 175 Steering Committee and
7 the Newport Revitalization and Preservation Society both have
8 voted unanimously that this community founder is deserving of
9 commemorative action.

10 (b) Designation.--The bridge on State Route 34 that connects
11 the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, is
12 hereby designated as the Paul Reider Bridge.

13 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
14 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
15 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.