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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in scenic highways, further providing  
3 for designation of certain State routes as scenic byways.

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

6 Section 1. Section 8301 of Title 74 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 8301. Designation of certain State routes as scenic byways.

9 (a) General rule.--Because of their outstanding scenic,  
10 historic, natural, recreational and archeological  
11 characteristics and qualities and because of opportunities for  
12 economic development and tourism and for conservation of the  
13 outstanding qualities, the following are designated as scenic  
14 byways and are subject to the provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 131  
15 (relating to control of outdoor advertising):

16 (1) State Route 476, commonly known as the Blue Route.

17 (2) State Route 711 from the Conemaugh River to Jones  
18 Mills continuing along Routes 711/381 south to Normalville

1 and along Route 381 to the State line of West Virginia,  
2 commonly referred to as the Laurel Highlands Scenic Byway.

3 (3) [State Route 40 from the border of Pennsylvania and  
4 Maryland to the border of Pennsylvania and West Virginia,  
5 commonly referred to as the National Road.] The National Road  
6 from the border of Pennsylvania and Maryland to the border of  
7 Pennsylvania and West Virginia, which is primarily concurrent  
8 with U.S. Route 40, as the National Road existed when first  
9 constructed. It is the intent of this paragraph to designate  
10 the original National Road and not any rerouted portion of  
11 U.S. Route 40. The designation includes, but is not limited  
12 to:

13 (i) Old Forty Road in Addison Township, Somerset  
14 County, beginning at U.S. Route 40 Segment 0140 Offset  
15 1348, running for approximately one mile to the point  
16 where Old Forty Road reconnects with U.S. Route 40 at  
17 Segment 0120 Offset 2264.

18 (ii) Main Street in Addison Borough and continuing  
19 into Addison Township, Somerset County, beginning at U.S.  
20 Route 40 Segment 0070 Offset 2000, running for  
21 approximately two miles to the point where Main Street  
22 reconnects with U.S. Route 40 at Segment 0030 Offset  
23 2287.

24 (iii) State Route 8008, Segment 0500 in its entirety  
25 (the westbound U.S. Route 40 off-ramp), in Fayette  
26 County, running through portions of South Union Township  
27 and North Union Township, to State Route 2040.

28 (iv) State Route 2040 in its entirety, also known as  
29 U.S. Business Route 40, in Fayette County, beginning at  
30 Segment 0090 Offset 1435, running through portions of

1 South Union Township, North Union Township and the City  
2 of Uniontown (East and West Main Street) for  
3 approximately four miles to the point where State Route  
4 2040 reconnects with U.S. Route 40 Segment 0270 Offset  
5 1535.

6 (v) National Pike East in Fayette County, running  
7 through portions of Redstone Township, Brownsville  
8 Township and Brownsville Borough, beginning at U.S. Route  
9 40 Segment 0106 Offset 2059 and running for approximately  
10 three miles to the point where National Pike East  
11 reconnects with U.S. Business Route 40 at Segment  
12 0020/0021 Offset 0000 (Market Street).

13 (vi) National Pike East in Fayette County, running  
14 through portions of Brownsville Township and Brownsville  
15 Borough, beginning at U.S. Route 40 Segment 0011 Offset  
16 0707, continuing to State Route 8002 Segment 0500 (Third  
17 Avenue), turning left onto State Route 4035 Segment 23  
18 (Spring Street), continuing to State Route 4035 (Market  
19 Street), turning right onto State Route 4025 (Bridge  
20 Street), continuing to State Route 2067 (Bridge  
21 Boulevard) in West Brownsville Borough, Washington  
22 County, turning left onto State Route 2089 Segment  
23 0080/0081 Offset 0342 (Blaine Hill Road and Old National  
24 Pike), continuing to State Route 2048 (Old National Pike)  
25 running through West Brownsville Borough, California  
26 Borough and Centerville Borough, to the point where State  
27 Route 2048 reconnects with U.S. Route 40 at Segment 0760  
28 Offset 2453.

29 (vii) Old National Pike in Centerville Borough,  
30 Washington County, beginning at U.S. Route 40 Segment

1 0720 Offset 3439, turning right onto Pennsylvania Route  
2 481 Segment 0010 in its entirety, continuing on Old  
3 National Pike to Emery Road to the point where Emery Road  
4 reconnects to U.S. Route 40 Segment 0690 Offset 0867.

5 (viii) State Route 1083 in the City of Washington,  
6 Washington County, beginning at U.S. Route 40 Segment  
7 0370 Offset 0110, turning right onto State Route 1083  
8 (South Main Street), turning left onto West Chestnut  
9 Street, running through portions of the City of  
10 Washington, North Franklin Township and Canton Township,  
11 continuing to Old National Pike, connecting to U.S. Route  
12 40 Segment 0340 Offset 1670, crossing under Interstate  
13 70, exiting State Route 40 Segment 0311 Offset 1720,  
14 turning left onto State Route 3010 (Old National Pike) in  
15 its entirety, to the point where State Route 3010  
16 reconnects to U.S. Route 40 Segment 2090 Offset 1396.

17 (ix) State Route 3024 in Washington County, running  
18 through portions of Donegal Township, beginning at U.S.  
19 Route 40 Segment 0110 Offset 3445 to Old National Pike  
20 for approximately five miles to State Route 3023 Segment  
21 70, continuing Main Street to the West Virginia Line.

22 (b) Effect of designation.--No outdoor advertising device,  
23 as defined in section 3 of the act of December 15, 1971  
24 (P.L.596, No.160), known as the Outdoor Advertising Control Act  
25 of 1971, may be erected:

26 (1) within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-  
27 way; or

28 (2) more than 660 feet from the nearest edge of the  
29 right-of-way, outside of urban areas, if the sign is visible  
30 from the main-traveled way of the scenic byway and the

1 purpose of the sign is that its message be read from the  
2 main-traveled way of the scenic byway, except:

3 (i) the official signs and notices which are  
4 required or authorized by law and which conform to the  
5 national standards promulgated by the Secretary of  
6 Transportation of the United States pursuant to 23 U.S.C.  
7 § 131 [(relating to control of outdoor advertising)];

8 (ii) outdoor advertising devices advertising the  
9 sale or lease of the real property upon which they are  
10 located;

11 (iii) outdoor advertising devices advertising  
12 activities conducted on the property on which they are  
13 located, including devices which display a message that  
14 may be changed at reasonable intervals by electronic  
15 process or remote control; and

16 (iv) directional signs, including, but not limited  
17 to, signs pertaining to natural wonders, scenic and  
18 historical attractions and other points of interest to  
19 the traveling public which conform to the national  
20 standards promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation  
21 of the United States pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 131.

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