
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2593 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, DRISCOLL, WHITE, BURNS, COX, DAY,
DELLOSO, DUSH, GALLOWAY, GILLESPIE, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HILL-
EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, JOZWIAK, MILLARD, MURT, READSHAW, RYAN,
SANCHEZ, SCHMITT, SONNEY, STAATS, STEPHENS AND TOMLINSON,
JUNE 15, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 15, 2020

AN ACT

1 Designating the portion of State Route 1015, also known as
2 Knights Road, between State Route 63 and U.S. Route 13 in the
3 City of Philadelphia as the Sergeant James O'Connor IV
4 Memorial Highway.

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

7 Section 1. Sergeant James O'Connor IV Memorial Highway.

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

10 (1) Sergeant James O'Connor IV, Badge #8162, was a 23-
11 year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department and a 15-
12 year veteran of the City's Swat Unit.

13 (2) On March 13, 2020, Sergeant James O'Connor IV was
14 shot and killed in the line of duty at 46 years of age while
15 serving a homicide warrant in the Frankford neighborhood of
16 Philadelphia.

17 (3) He was posthumously promoted to the rank of

1 Sergeant.

2 (4) The Governor ordered the Commonwealth flag on all
3 public facilities Statewide to be flown at half-staff in
4 honor of Sergeant James O'Connor IV.

5 (5) Sergeant James O'Connor IV dedicated his life to
6 public service and his memory shall inspire future
7 generations of law enforcement throughout this Commonwealth.

8 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 1015, also
9 known as Knights Road, between State Route 63 and U.S. Route 13
10 in the City of Philadelphia is designated as the Sergeant James
11 O'Connor IV Memorial Highway.

12 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
13 maintain two appropriate signs displaying the name of the
14 highway to traffic in both directions on the highway. The
15 Department of Transportation shall also erect and maintain two
16 additional signs located in the center traffic island on State
17 Route 1015, also known as Knights Road, immediately adjacent to
18 11024 Knights Road in the City of Philadelphia displaying the
19 name of the highway to traffic in both directions on the
20 highway.

21 Section 2. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect in 60 days.