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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1192 Session of  
2020

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INTRODUCED BY SCAVELLO AND BOSCOLA, JUNE 5, 2020

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 5, 2020

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AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 2012 in Monroe County as  
2 the Reverend Dr. Bishop William Earl Lee Highway.

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

5 Section 1. Reverend Dr. Bishop William Earl Lee Highway.

6 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
7 Pennsylvania finds and declares as follows:

8 (1) William Earl Lee was born on June 13, 1947, in  
9 Suffolk, Virginia, the son of the late William and Geneva  
10 Lee.

11 (2) William Lee enlisted in the United States Army,  
12 serving from 1966 to 1968, and was awarded a Purple Heart  
13 after being wounded in Vietnam.

14 (3) William became a part of the ministry of the Bethel  
15 A.M.E. Church in Brooklyn, New York, and, in May 1991, was  
16 ordained as Reverend at the 171st Session of the New York  
17 Annual Conference hosted at Baber African Methodist Episcopal  
18 Church in Rochester, New York.

1           (4) In early 1992, Reverend Lee facilitated bible study  
2 and worship services at locations in New York City, including  
3 the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the Wall Street Atrium,  
4 the Chase Manhattan Plaza, mass transit subways and the  
5 Seaman's Church.

6           (5) Reverend William Earl Lee was ordained a Bishop by  
7 the World Christianity Ministries.

8           (6) In early 1996, Bishop Lee founded and pastored the  
9 Christ Church of Greater Stroudsburg.

10          (7) Under the leadership of Bishop Lee, the Christ  
11 Church of Greater Stroudsburg developed the Christ Church  
12 Local Development Corporation, the Christ Church Christian  
13 Book Store and the Ever Lasting Doors Community Center.

14          (8) Bishop Lee served as Chaplain at Monroe County  
15 Correctional Facility for several years instituting new  
16 programs from a General Education Diploma (GED) program to  
17 baptisms, a women's choir, and holiday worship services.

18          (9) Bishop Lee authored two books, "Divine  
19 Instructions" and "The Power of God."

20          (10) Bishop Lee founded the Christ Church of Biblical  
21 Studies, a satellite of North Carolina College of Theology.

22          (11) In addition to the four masters degrees, Bishop Lee  
23 received four doctorates: a Doctorate in Theology, a  
24 Doctorate in Philosophy in Biblical Counseling, a Doctorate  
25 in Philosophy in Theology and the highest honor in biblical  
26 studies, the Sacred Heart of Theology.

27          (12) Bishop William Earl Lee died on February 22, 2018,  
28 survived by his wife, Verna Marie McGill-Lee and his three  
29 children.

30          (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 2012 in Monroe

1 County from Shafers School House Road, Segment 160, Offset 1013  
2 heading east to Tanite Road, Segment 180, Offset 1457 is  
3 designated as the Reverend Dr. Bishop William Earl Lee Highway.

4 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
5 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to  
6 traffic in both directions on the highway.

7 Section 3. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 60 days.