
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1468 Session of
2009

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SIPTROTH, SWANGER AND VULAKOVICH, MAY 8, 2009

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JULY 8, 2009

AN ACT

Designating a portion of PA Route 378 in Bethlehem, Northampton
County, as the Fred B. Rooney Highway.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Fred B. Rooney Highway.

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

(1) Fred B. Rooney was born the son of an Irish-Catholic immigrant in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on November 6, 1925, attended the city's public school and graduated from Bethlehem High School in 1944.

(2) Fred B. Rooney served in the United States Army from February 1944 to April 1946 and served in the European Theatre as a paratrooper during World War II.

(3) Fred B. Rooney returned home to the United States and earned a degree in business administration from the University of Georgia at Athens in 1950.

(4) After working in the real estate and insurance business, Fred B. Rooney was elected to two terms in the Pennsylvania State Senate, from November 5, 1958 until he resigned August 6, 1963.

(5) While serving as a Senator, Fred B. Rooney dedicated his energy to serving as a full-time legislator, and also serving as chairman of the Senate Highway Committee for a time.

(6) Fred B. Rooney won a special election to the Eighty-eighth Congress in 1963 and served until January 3, 1979, after winning seven succeeding reelection bids.

(7) While in Congress, Fred B. Rooney was a staunch advocate and supporter for Bethlehem redevelopment

initiatives, economic aid for economically distressed communities, restrictions on imported goods and increases in Federal aid for education. He was also a champion of medical care for the elderly.

(8) Fred B. Rooney served on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and also served as the subcommittee chair on Transportation and Commerce.

(9) It is largely through his endeavors that PA Route 378 runs through the City of Bethlehem.

(b) Designation.--That portion of PA Route 378 from U.S. Route 22 to the Hill to Hill Bridge in Bethlehem, Northampton County is hereby designated as the "Fred B. Rooney Highway."

(c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs TO TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS to

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indicate the designation under subsection (b).

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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