

No. 2003-33

AN ACT

HB 1549

Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the designation of the Governor Robert P. Casey Highway as a scenic byway; and designating a certain portion of State Route 120 as a scenic byway.

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

Section 1. Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

§ 8303. Designation of the Governor Robert P. Casey Highway as scenic byway.

(a) General rule.—Because of its outstanding scenic, historic, recreational, cultural and archeological characteristics, the portion of U.S. Route 6 between the intersection of U.S. Route 6 with Route 81 in Dunmore Borough, Lackawanna County, and the intersection of Business Route 6 in Carbondale Township, Lackawanna County, totaling 15.53 miles, commonly known as the Governor Robert P. Casey Highway, is designated as a scenic byway.

(b) Effect of designation.—No outdoor advertising device, as defined in section 3 of the act of December 15, 1971 (P.L.596, No.160), known as the Outdoor Advertising Control Act of 1971, may be erected if the sign is visible from the main-traveled way of the scenic byway and the purpose of the sign is that its message be read from the main-traveled way of the scenic byway, except:

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

(2) outdoor advertising devices advertising the sale or lease of the real property upon which they are located;

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

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

§ 8304. Designation of State Route 120 as scenic byway.

(a) General rule.—Because of its outstanding scenic, historic, natural, recreational and archeological characteristics and qualities and because of opportunities for economic development and tourism and for conservation of the outstanding qualities along the road, State Route 120 in Clinton County from Lock Haven to the junction of U.S. Route 219 in Elk County is designated as a scenic byway.

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

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

(2) more than 660 feet from the nearest edge of the right-of-way, outside of urban areas, if the sign is visible from the main-traveled way of the scenic byway and the purpose of the sign is that its message be read from the main-traveled way of the scenic byway, except:

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

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

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

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

(v) signs approved by the department designating the route as a scenic byway installed in accordance with department requirements.

(c) Public use maps.—All public use maps produced by the department for travel, tourism and business interests shall give special identification of routes designated as scenic byways and briefly summarize that the General Assembly established the designation because of the outstanding scenic, historic, natural, recreational and archeological characteristics and outstanding qualities and opportunities for economic development, tourism and conservation of the sights along the route.

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

APPROVED—The 6th day of November, A.D. 2003.

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