

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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KINKEAD, SALISBURY, MULLINS, BELLMON, VENKAT, ABNEY, WAXMAN
AND O'MARA, MARCH 26, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 26, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in scenic highways, providing for
3 designation of Allegheny River Boulevard as scenic byway.

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

6 Section 1. Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 8310. Designation of Allegheny River Boulevard as scenic
9 byway.

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

17 (1) State Route 130, commonly known as Allegheny River
18 Boulevard, beginning in the City of Pittsburgh at the

1 intersection of State Route 8, known as Washington Boulevard,
2 continuing northeast into the Municipality of Penn Hills to
3 the intersection of Sandy Creek Road.

4 (2) The byway continuing along the route known as
5 Allegheny River Boulevard through the Boroughs of Verona and
6 Oakmont, ending at Hulton Road.

7 (b) Effect of designation.--An outdoor advertising device,
8 as defined in section 3(5) of the act of December 15, 1971
9 (P.L.596, No.160), known as the Outdoor Advertising Control Act
10 of 1971, may not be erected:

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

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

18 (i) the official signs and notices which are
19 required or authorized by law and which conform to the
20 national standards promulgated by the United States
21 Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 23 U.S.C.
22 § 131;

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

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

1 (iv) directional signs, including signs pertaining
2 to natural wonders, scenic and historical attractions and
3 other points of interest to the traveling public which
4 conform to the national standards promulgated by the
5 United States Secretary of Transportation in accordance
6 with 23 U.S.C. § 131.

7 (c) Public use maps.--All public use maps produced by the
8 department for travel, tourism and business interests shall give
9 special identification of the route under this section and
10 briefly summarize that the General Assembly established the
11 designation because of the outstanding scenic, historic,
12 natural, recreational and archeological characteristics and
13 outstanding qualities and opportunities for economic
14 development, tourism and conservation of the sights along the
15 route.

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