

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL****No. 2736** Session of  
2022

INTRODUCED BY ARMANINI, SMITH, MILLARD, SONNEY, WARNER, CAUSER,  
SCHMITT, RYAN, NEILSON, LONGIETTI, HILL-EVANS AND ROWE,  
JULY 6, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JULY 6, 2022

## AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 255 near the western  
2 intersection of Hemlock Avenue, Segment 0030/Offset 1077, to  
3 near the intersection of Gardner Hill Road, Segment  
4 0040/Offset 2935, in Jay Township, Elk County, as the Dr.  
5 Betty Hayes Memorial Highway.

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

8 Section 1. Dr. Betty Hayes Memorial Highway.

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

11 (1) Betty Hayes was born May 7, 1912.

12 (2) Dr. Hayes completed her secondary education at Villa  
13 Maria Academy in Erie.

14 (3) After graduating Villa Maria Academy, Dr. Hayes went  
15 on to attend The Pennsylvania State University as a  
16 premedical student.

17 (4) Three years later, Dr. Hayes was admitted to Temple  
18 University's School of Medicine, where she graduated with  
19 honors in 1936.

1 (5) After the United States entered World War II, Dr.  
2 Hayes began working for the State tuberculosis clinic in  
3 Wilkes-Barre.

4 (6) While many local male physicians were enlisted in  
5 the United States Armed Forces, Dr. Hayes was the only  
6 physician available to her community, making her responsible  
7 for 4,000 lives.

8 (7) Seven years later, Dr. Hayes resigned from her  
9 position as a physician when her employer refused to improve  
10 hazardous conditions in the community, including contaminated  
11 water that made residents ill.

12 (8) Three hundred fifty miners went on strike in support  
13 of Dr. Hayes' concerns about the hazardous conditions in the  
14 community and later went on to pay her directly for her  
15 medical services.

16 (9) The strike received national attention and resulted  
17 in housing improvements for the community.

18 (10) Dr. Hayes passed away in Pine Knolls Shores, North  
19 Carolina, at 72 years of age.

20 (b) Designation.--The portion of Pennsylvania Route 255 from  
21 near the western intersection of Hemlock Avenue, Segment  
22 0030/Offset 1077, to near the intersection of Gardner Hill Road,  
23 Segment 0040/Offset 2935, in Jay Township, Elk County, is  
24 designated the Dr. Betty Hayes Memorial Highway.

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

28 Section 2. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect in 60 days.