

SENATE, No. 1390

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Designates State Highway Route 72 as “Burlington-Ocean Purple Heart Memorial Highway.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** designating the entire length of State Highway Route 72 as
2 the “Burlington-Ocean Purple Heart Memorial Highway.”
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*
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7 **WHEREAS**, The Purple Heart is America's oldest military decoration,
8 established by General George Washington in 1782 to recognize
9 outstanding examples of bravery and sacrifice by the common
10 soldier; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Although early records of recipients were not kept, there
12 have been an estimated 1.8 million Purple Heart military decorations
13 awarded since 1942; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The Purple Heart continues to be awarded to
15 extraordinarily brave men and women wounded in military service
16 or given posthumously to the next of kin of those killed in action;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper for the Legislature of the State of
19 New Jersey to honor all recipients of the Purple Heart - past,
20 present, and future - for their bravery, heroic service, and sacrifice
21 to the United States and to the State of New Jersey by designating
22 State Highway Route No. 72 as the “Burlington-Ocean Purple
23 Heart Memorial Highway”; now, therefore,
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25 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
26 *of New Jersey:*
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28 1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the
29 entire length of State Highway Route 72, extending from milepost 0
30 to milepost 28.74, as the “Burlington-Ocean Purple Heart Memorial
31 Highway” and erect appropriate signs bearing this designation and
32 dedication.
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34 2. State or other public funds shall not be used for producing,
35 purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established
36 pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of
37 Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants, or other financial
38 assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding or
39 reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the costs
40 associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining
41 signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this
42 act and entering into agreements related thereto, with private sources,
43 including, but not limited to, non-governmental non-profit,
44 educational, or charitable entities or institutions. Work shall not
45 proceed and funding shall not be accepted by the Department of
46 Transportation until an agreement has been reached with a
47 responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing,
48 purchasing, erecting, and maintaining the signs.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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5 This bill designates the entire length of State Highway Route 72,
6 as the “Burlington-Ocean Purple Heart Memorial Highway” to honor
7 the men and women who have received the Purple Heart in
8 recognition of their extraordinary courage and sacrifice in military
9 service to the Nation.

10 Consistent with Department of Transportation policy and other
11 road designations, the bill provides that State or other public funds
12 are not to be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting signs bearing
13 the designation for the “Burlington-Ocean Purple Heart Memorial
14 Highway.” The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to
15 receive financial assistance from private sources for the costs
16 associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining
17 signs bearing the designation.