

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1037 Session of  
2024

INTRODUCED BY BARTOLOTTA, JANUARY 11, 2024

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 11, 2024

AN ACT

1 Designating the interchange of I-79 and Pennsylvania Turnpike  
2 576, Section 55c2-1 in Cecil Township, Washington County, as  
3 the Lance Corporal Robert Alan "Bucky" McPherson Memorial  
4 Interchange in all directions.

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

7 Section 1. Lance Corporal Robert Alan "Bucky" McPherson  
8 Memorial Interchange.

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

11 (1) Robert Alan "Bucky" McPherson was born October 7,  
12 1948, in Cecil Township, Washington County, attended and  
13 graduated from Canon-McMillan schools and entered West  
14 Virginia University in 1966.

15 (2) After seeing images of the Vietnam conflict on the  
16 evening news, Lance Corporal McPherson felt it was his duty  
17 to postpone his university education and voluntarily joined  
18 the Marines, being quoted as saying "I felt it was the right  
19 thing to do for my country."

1           (3) Lance Corporal McPherson began his tour of duty on  
2 December 9, 1967, with the rank of Lance Corporal as an  
3 assault man, 3rd Marine Division, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.

4           (4) While leading his men on an assault against the  
5 enemy, Lance Corporal McPherson was mortally wounded and  
6 tragically died at the age of 19 on April 30, 1968.

7           (5) Lance Corporal McPherson's family farm is now the I-  
8 79 Pennsylvania Turnpike 576 interchange.

9           (6) Lance Corporal McPherson is buried on the ridge at  
10 the Cemetery of the Alleghenies overlooking his family's old  
11 farm where he grew up learning to farm and a dedication to  
12 his country.

13       (b) Designation.--The interchange of I-79 and Pennsylvania  
14 Turnpike 576, Section 55c2-1 in Cecil Township, Washington  
15 County, is designated as the Lance Corporal Robert Alan "Bucky"  
16 McPherson Memorial Interchange in all directions.

17       (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
18 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the  
19 interchange in all directions.

20 Section 2. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect in 60 days.