

ASSEMBLY, No. 4301

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Designates Stone Harbor Boulevard Interchange of Garden State Parkway as “Christopher Meyer Memorial Interchange.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT designating the Stone Harbor Boulevard Interchange of the
2 Garden State Parkway as the “Christopher Meyer Memorial
3 Interchange.”
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5 WHEREAS, In November 2004, Christopher Meyer was tragically
6 killed in a car accident at the Stone Harbor Boulevard intersection
7 on the Garden State Parkway; and

8 WHEREAS, Christopher Meyer, who was 17 years old at the time of
9 the accident, had aspirations of joining the United States Navy; and

10 WHEREAS, The Stone Harbor Boulevard intersection, where
11 Christopher Meyer was killed, the Shell Bay Avenue intersection,
12 and the Crest Haven Road intersection on the Garden State
13 Parkway are notoriously dangerous intersections; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 2004, three people, including Christopher Meyer,
15 have died as a result of accidents at these signalized intersections
16 and, every year, there are countless accidents that occur at these
17 dangerous intersections; and

18 WHEREAS, Since his son’s death, Erik Meyer, Christopher Meyer’s
19 father, has been a tireless advocate for removing the traffic lights at
20 the intersections on the Garden State Parkway; and

21 WHEREAS, Recently, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the State
22 of New Jersey have approved a plan to replace the traffic lights at
23 the intersections with ramps to provide full access interchanges and
24 improve vehicle safety; and

25 WHEREAS, As the traffic lights are removed from the Shell Bay
26 Avenue, Stone Harbor Boulevard, and the Crest Haven Road
27 intersections of the Garden State Parkway, it is altogether fitting
28 and proper that the State of New Jersey honor the life of
29 Christopher Meyer and the tireless work of his father, Erik Meyer,
30 who sought the safety improvements at these intersections, by
31 naming the Stone Harbor Boulevard Interchange as the
32 “Christopher Meyer Memorial Interchange”; now, therefore,
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34 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
35 of New Jersey:

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37 1. The Executive Director of the New Jersey Turnpike
38 Authority shall designate the Stone Harbor Boulevard Interchange
39 of the Garden State Parkway as the “Christopher Meyer Memorial
40 Interchange” and erect appropriate signs bearing this designation
41 and dedication.
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43 2. No State, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, or other public
44 funds shall be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting signs
45 bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act.
46 The Executive Director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority is
47 authorized to receive gifts, grants, or other financial assistance from
48 private sources for the purpose of funding or reimbursing the New

1 Jersey Turnpike Authority for the costs associated with producing,
2 purchasing, and erecting signs bearing the designation established
3 pursuant to section 1 of this act and entering into agreements related
4 thereto, with such private sources, including but not limited to non-
5 governmental non-profit, educational, or charitable entities or
6 institutions. No work shall proceed and no funding shall be
7 accepted until an agreement has been reached with a responsible
8 party for paying the costs associated with producing, purchasing,
9 erecting, and maintaining the signs.

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11 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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16 This bill directs the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to designate
17 the Stone Harbor Boulevard Interchange of the Garden State
18 Parkway as the “Christopher Meyer Memorial Interchange.”

19 In November 2004, 17 year old Christopher Meyer was tragically
20 killed in a car accident at the Stone Harbor Boulevard intersection
21 of the Garden State Parkway. Since 2004, three people, including
22 Christopher Meyer, have died as a result of car accidents at the
23 Shell Bay Avenue, Stone Harbor Boulevard, and Crest Haven Road
24 intersections of the Garden State Parkway. Since his son’s death,
25 Erik Meyer, Christopher Meyer’s father, has been an advocate for
26 the removal of the traffic lights at those intersections on the Garden
27 State Parkway.

28 This bill honors the life of Christopher Meyer and the work of
29 his father by naming the Stone Harbor Boulevard Interchange on
30 the Garden State Parkway as the “Christopher Meyer Memorial
31 Interchange.” The bill provides that no State, New Jersey Turnpike
32 Authority, or other public funds may be used for the producing,
33 purchasing, or erecting the signs bearing the designation.