

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5518

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates portion of State Highway Route No. 47 in Deptford Township as “Officer Robert J. Shisler Memorial Highway.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT designating the portion of State Highway Route No. 47 in  
2 Deptford Township in honor of Officer Robert J. Shisler.

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4 WHEREAS, Officer Robert J. Shisler lost his life in the line of duty on  
5 May 7, 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Shisler served as a police officer for the Deptford  
7 Township Police Department for four years; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Shisler was an avid hunter and outdoorsman who  
9 graduated from Deptford High School in 2014 and played baseball  
10 and football for the school; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Shisler then attended Presbyterian College in South  
12 Carolina, where he played Division 1 baseball before fulfilling his  
13 lifelong dream of becoming a police officer in the town he was born  
14 and raised; and

15 WHEREAS, On May 7, 2023, Officer Shisler tragically lost his life,  
16 nearly two months after sustaining gunshot wounds during a  
17 pedestrian stop on Delsea Drive in Deptford Township; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Shisler was a beloved officer who will be  
19 remembered for his dedication and commitment to his community;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, As a true example of service to his State and fellow  
22 officers, it is fitting and proper for the Legislature of the State of  
23 New Jersey to honor the life and service of Officer Robert J. Shisler  
24 by designating a portion of State Highway Route No. 47, otherwise  
25 known as Delsea Drive, in Deptford Township as the “Officer  
26 Robert J. Shisler Memorial Highway”; now, therefore,

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28 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
29 of New Jersey:

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31 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1940, J.R.2, which  
32 designated State Highway Route No. 47 as Delsea Drive, the  
33 Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the portion of State  
34 Highway Route No. 47 extending from milepost 68.18 to milepost  
35 73.93 in Deptford Township as the “Officer Robert J. Shisler  
36 Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate signs bearing this  
37 designation and dedication.

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39 2. State or other public funds shall not be used for producing,  
40 purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established  
41 pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of  
42 Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants, or other  
43 financial assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding  
44 or reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the costs  
45 associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining  
46 signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of  
47 this act and entering into agreements related thereto, with private  
48 sources, including but not limited to non-governmental non-profit,

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1 educational, or charitable entities or institutions. Work shall not  
2 proceed and funding shall not be accepted by the Department of  
3 Transportation until an agreement has been reached with a  
4 responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing,  
5 purchasing, erecting, and maintaining the signs.

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7 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This bill designates the portion of State Highway Route No. 47  
13 in Deptford Township as the “Officer Robert J. Shisler Memorial  
14 Highway” to honor the life and service of Robert J. Shisler, who  
15 was tragically killed in the line of duty. The Legislature honors  
16 Officer Shisler for his service to the State of New Jersey.

17 Consistent with Department of Transportation policy and other  
18 road designations, the bill provides that State or other public funds  
19 are not to be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting signs  
20 bearing the designation for the “Officer Robert J. Shisler Memorial  
21 Highway.” The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to  
22 receive financial assistance from private sources for the costs  
23 associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining  
24 signs bearing the designation.