

## CHAPTER 126

**AN ACT** designating the bridge carrying State Highway Route No. 109 over the Cape May Canal between the City of Cape May and Lower Township as the “Cape May County Veterans Memorial Bridge.”

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of this State are indebted to the sacrifice and heroism of the brave men and women who have served their country and State in the armed forces, many of whom came from Cape May County and over 12,000 of whom currently reside in Cape May County; and

**WHEREAS**, Dedicating this bridge in memory and honor of the men and women of Cape May County who have served in this country’s armed forces will serve as a constant reminder for present and future generations of the sacrifices made by veterans on behalf of their country and State; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans from Cape May County have served in many different capacities and are represented by local chapters and posts of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America and the Marine Corps League; and

**WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey memorialize and honor the past and present residents of Cape May County who served in the United States Armed Forces by designating the bridge carrying State Highway Route No. 109 over the Cape May Canal as the “Cape May County Veterans Memorial Bridge;” now, therefore,

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

1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the bridge carrying State Highway Route No. 109 over the Cape May Canal as the “Cape May County Veterans Memorial Bridge.”

2. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to erect appropriate route and directional signs bearing this name.

3. No State or other public funds shall be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants or other financial assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding or reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the costs associated with producing, purchasing, and erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act and entering into agreements related thereto, with such private sources, including but not limited to non-governmental, non-profit, educational or charitable entities or institutions. No work shall proceed, and no funding shall be accepted by the Department of Transportation until an agreement has been reached with a responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing, purchasing, erecting and maintaining the signs.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 13, 2009.