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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 9, 1999

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242, No.428), entitled  
2 "An act relating to roads, streets, highways and bridges;  
3 amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws  
4 administered by the Secretary of Highways and by the  
5 Department of Highways relating thereto," providing for speed  
6 bumps.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 542 of the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242,  
10 No.428), known as the State Highway Law, amended March 9, 1970  
11 (P.L.159, No.60), is amended to read:

12 Section 542. Construction, Resurfacing, Repair and  
13 Maintenance; Change of Lines, Widths and Grades.--After the  
14 streets, designated as State highways shall have been taken over  
15 by the Commonwealth, they shall be maintained, constructed,  
16 reconstructed, resurfaced and repaired by the department at the  
17 expense of the Commonwealth, and such construction,  
18 reconstruction, and resurfacing shall be of such type as shall  
19 be determined by the secretary, with the approval of the

1 Governor, and repairs and maintenance shall be of such type as  
2 shall be determined by the secretary: Provided, however, That  
3 nothing in this section shall be construed to place upon the  
4 Commonwealth any obligation to repair and maintain the curbing  
5 and footways of any such street, or to remove snow or keep  
6 streets clean: And provided further, That the department may  
7 enter into agreements in the discretion of the secretary with  
8 cities of the first class wherein and whereby such cities are  
9 authorized to design, advertise for bids, let contracts and  
10 supervise construction of new bridges and the reconstruction of  
11 existing bridges on State highways within the limits of such  
12 cities. Maintenance shall include the clearance of snow but not  
13 the carrying away thereof. The department may enter into  
14 agreements, in the discretion of the secretary, with cities of  
15 the first class to design, construct and maintain speed bumps in  
16 residential areas.

17 The department may enter into agreements, in the discretion  
18 of the secretary, with the cities or with persons, associations  
19 or corporations for the sharing with the Commonwealth of the  
20 cost of snow clearance, but not the carrying away thereof,  
21 construction, reconstruction or resurfacing of these streets, or  
22 sections thereof, taken over by the Commonwealth under any act.

23 The department may in the discretion of the secretary, enter  
24 into agreements with cities, for reimbursing the cities for  
25 clearing snow from highways but not the carrying away thereof.

26 Section 2. Section 543 of the act is amended to read:

27 Section 543. Type of Improvement.--The type of improvement  
28 shall include opening, widening, and change of grade on any  
29 street, or section thereof, clearing, grading, demolition,  
30 removal of existing paving, repaving, surfacing, the

1 construction of traffic islands, the construction of speed  
2 bumps, circle or other traffic channelizations, the construction  
3 of storm water conduits, drains and gutters, culverts, bridges,  
4 viaducts and retaining walls, curbing and recurbing, the paving  
5 and repaving of sidewalks, the planting of trees and shrubs,  
6 seeding and sodding, street and traffic signs, traffic signals  
7 and conduits and lighting fixtures for same, and such other  
8 work, excepting water pipe and sanitary sewers, as may be  
9 necessary fully and satisfactorily to complete such improvement.  
10 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.