

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 880 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY DOWLING, WARNER, PICKETT, MILLARD, ZIMMERMAN,  
RADER AND PHILLIPS-HILL, MARCH 16, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 16, 2017

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," in designation and  
6 location of State highways, further providing for maintenance  
7 of parts of roads abandoned as State highways and vacation  
8 when not of full width.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 214 of the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242,  
12 No.428), known as the State Highway Law, is amended to read:

13 Section 214. Maintenance of Parts of Roads Abandoned as  
14 State Highways; Vacation when not of Full Width.--Where any  
15 section of a State highway route shall be, or has been  
16 relocated, the portion of the public road or highway, thus  
17 abandoned as a State highway route, shall be maintained by, and  
18 at the expense of, the township, borough, incorporated town or  
19 city wherein it is located, but the department shall in each  
20 case, before abandoning such portion of public road or highway,  
21 receive approval by ordinance or resolution of the governing

1 body of the township, borough, incorporated town or city wherein  
2 it is located, and improve and repair the same so that it shall  
3 be in first class condition when it is taken over by the  
4 township, borough, incorporated town or city.

5       Where the width, lines or location of a State highway shall  
6 be or have been changed, altered or established, according to  
7 law, in a manner which does not create an entirely new highway,  
8 the section or sections, or portions of the right of way of the  
9 highway, as previously established, which are not included  
10 within the changed, altered or established widths shall be  
11 considered vacated, if such portions or sections are not of the  
12 full width of the highway, as previously established.

13       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.