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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MAY 14, 1991

AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Department of Transportation to conduct a
2 demonstration project for surface upgrading of dirt roads in
3 rural counties; and making an appropriation.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Dirt Road
8 Paving Demonstration Project Act.

9 Section 2. Legislative intent.

10 This legislation is enacted to help the Department of
11 Transportation evaluate the cost effectiveness of various
12 experimental methods for upgrading unpaved roads in rural areas.

13 Section 3. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
15 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
16 context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Demonstration project." The dirt road paving demonstration

1 project.

2 "Department." The Department of Transportation of the
3 Commonwealth.

4 Section 4. Duties of department.

5 The department shall:

6 (1) Determine the location of dirt roads in rural
7 counties for inclusion in the demonstration project.

8 (2) Determine acceptable experimental methods for
9 upgrading the dirt roads selected for the demonstration
10 project.

11 (3) Compare the cost effectiveness of alternative
12 experimental methods of providing a harder and smoother
13 riding surface than is possible with traditional dirt road
14 maintenance and alleviating the dust problems inherent with
15 dirt roads.

16 (4) Conduct inspections of the demonstration project
17 areas to determine road conditions and the cost effectiveness
18 of each experimental method.

19 (5) Compile an annual performance report.

20 (6) Continue evaluation of dirt roads in the
21 demonstration project for four years.

22 (7) Develop a plan for utilizing the most cost-effective
23 experimental methods on dirt roads not included in the
24 demonstration project.

25 Section 5. Reports.

26 (a) Initial report.--No later than 60 days after the
27 effective date of this act, the department shall provide, upon
28 request, to any member of the Senate and to any member of the
29 House of Representatives an outline of the demonstration project
30 carried out in that member's district during the fiscal year

1 1990-1991.

2 (b) Planning report.--No later than 30 days after the
3 department has selected dirt roads for inclusion in the
4 demonstration project during the fiscal year 1991-1992, the
5 department shall provide, upon request, to any member of the
6 Senate and to any member of the House of Representatives an
7 outline of the demonstration project planned for that member's
8 district during the fiscal year 1991-1992.

9 (c) Annual report.--The department shall make an annual
10 report to the General Assembly outlining all aspects and phases
11 of the demonstration project. The report shall include, but not
12 be limited to, the following information:

13 (1) An identification of each dirt road included in the
14 demonstration project and of the experimental method or
15 methods utilized on each such road.

16 (2) A comprehensive summary of all data collected.

17 (3) An overall evaluation of the cost effectiveness of
18 the experimental methods used for surface upgrading.

19 (4) Recommendations based on the data collected.

20 Section 6. Appropriation.

21 The sum of \$300,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
22 is hereby appropriated from the Motor License Fund to the
23 Department of Transportation for the fiscal year July 1, 1991,
24 to June 30, 1992, to implement the provisions of this act. This
25 appropriation shall be in addition to the \$300,000 appropriated
26 to the department for the dirt road paving demonstration project
27 for the fiscal year July 1, 1990, to June 30, 1991.

28 Section 7. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect July 1, 1991.