

AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO ERECT A BRIDGE

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AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to erect and construct a toll bridge over the Monongahela River, connecting the State highway system in Washington County with the system of State highways in Fayette County, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with such State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages; providing for the collection of tolls; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. The Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized to erect and construct a bridge over the Monongahela River in the vicinity of Brownsville, connecting the State highway system in Washington County with the system of State highways in Fayette County, to be known as the "William J. Lane-Eustice H. Bane Bridge," and to acquire the necessary land for approaches thereto.

(1 amended Jan. 7, 1960, 1959 P.L.2099, No.777)

Section 2. In the construction of the bridge and the approaches thereto, and connections with existing State highways, the Department of Highways shall have all of the powers and authority conferred with respect to the relocation, widening or construction of State highways, including the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Any damages sustained by reason of taking property in the relocation, widening or construction of any such bridge, the approaches thereto and connections with State highways, shall be ascertained in accordance with laws applicable to the ascertainment of damages in relocating, widening or constructing State highways and such damages, when ascertained, shall be paid by the Commonwealth or county or counties as may be agreed upon in accordance with the laws relating to State highways.

The Department of Highways shall have authority to make and carry out, and to do every other act necessary to carry out, the project herein authorized.

Section 3. After the completion of any such bridge and the approaches thereto, the Department of Highways shall provide for the collection of tolls until such tolls have been sufficient to reimburse the Motor License Fund for all costs, including the salaries of toll takers and maintenance and repair of such bridge during the period tolls are collected. As soon as the Motor License Fund has been reimbursed for all costs, any such bridge shall be freed from toll and shall become a part of the system of State highways to be administered, by the Department of Highways, under the provisions of present or future laws governing the reconstruction and maintenance of State highways.

Section 4. So much of the money in the Motor License Fund,

from time to time, as may be needed to carry out the provisions of this act, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Highways for such purposes.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.