

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO ERECT A BRIDGE**

**Act of May 27, 1957, P.L. 203, No. 100**

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AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to erect and maintain a high level bridge over the Allegheny River, near Freeport, Armstrong County, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages. (Title amended Nov. 19, 1959, P.L.1551, No.556)

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 authorized to erect and construct a high level bridge over the Allegheny River, near Freeport, Armstrong County, replacing the Garvers Ferry Bridge and to acquire the necessary land for approaching thereto. The Department of Highways shall not expend more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in the erection and construction of the bridge.

(1 amended Nov. 19, 1959, P.L.1551, No.556)

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 location, widening or construction of the 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 the bridge and the approaches thereto, they shall be toll free and shall be reconstructed and maintained by the Department of Highways in accordance with 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 appropriated to the Department of Highways for such purposes.

Section 4.1. The bridge shall be known as The Donald R. Lobaugh Bridge in memory of Donald R. Lobaugh, of Freeport, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in battle, and the Department of Highways shall erect suitable markers at both ends of the bridge.

(4.1 added June 18, 1968, P.L.215, No.101)

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.