

Mr. Howard Proctor, Twp. Supervisor  
Erie County

HOUSE BILL 527

IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED HOUSE BILL 527. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFE TRAVEL OF OUR CITIZENS, AND WE KNOW WE CAN PROVIDE A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUT WE ASK YOUR COMMITTEE TO ALLOW A TOTAL REVIEW OF ALL ASPECTS OF THIS TURNBACK.

WE OFFER OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIS COMMITTEE OF THE NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE FORMULATION OF THIS BILL.

IT IS OUR DESIRE TO OFFER THESE CHANGES TO HELP CREATE A MORE EQUITABLE AND DESIROUS TRANSFER OF THE LOCAL HIGHWAYS IN QUESTION. WE RECOMMEND THAT AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION BE FORTHCOMING SO AS NOT TO EXTEND A PENDOT PROBLEM WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, UNTO A LOCAL MUNICIPALITY. WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING CHANGES BE MADE TO THIS BILL.

PAGE 3 NO#7 - WOULD LIKE CHANGED TO EQUAL REPRESENTATION.

SUGGESTED CHANGE: TWO APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR, ONE APPOINTED BY LEAGUE OF CITIES, ONE APPOINTED BY THE PA. STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES, ONE APPOINTED BY THE PA. STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS, ONE APPOINTED BY THE PA. STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS, ONE APPOINTED BY THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AFFECTED BY TRANSFER.

PAGE 4 LINE #19 & #20 - CHANGE TO ONE SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, ONE SELECTED BY THE AFFECTED MUNICIPALITY.

PAGE 4 - PLEASE INSERT SECTION - CONVENING OF ARBITRATION BOARD.  
THE LOCATION OF THE ARBITRATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE MUNICIPALITY AFFECTED BY THE ROAD TRANSFER.

PAGE 4 & 5 - THE STATEMENT MADE IN SECTION C, STATES NO APPEAL FROM ARBITRATORS DECISION. WE FIND THIS TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND A VIOLATION OF THE MUNICIPALS RIGHT TO APPEAL.

PAGE 5 - SECTION B, LINE #24 - IT IS IMPROPER TO ASSUME THAT AN AMOUNT OF \$2500 IS ADEQUATE TO SUBSTANTIALLY PAY FOR HIGHWAY REBUILDING, UPGRADING OR MAINTENANCE.

DUE TO THE NEGLECT OF PENDOT IN THE MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAYS, IT COULD BE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE TO MUNICIPALITIES TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RETURNING THESE NEGLECTED HIGHWAYS TO A SAFE CONDITION FOR THE TRAVELING PUBLIC. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE HELP PREVENT THE ARBITRARY TURNBACK OF THESE ROADS, AND URGE THAT IF THESE ROADS ARE TO BE GIVEN BACK, THE PROPER FUNDING BE MADE AVAILABLE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
this 21st day of May, 1981  
Executive Committee  
Erie County Township Officials Association