AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO CONSTRUCT A BRIDGE Act of Aug. 24, 1951, P.L. 1414, No. 342

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways to erect and construct a bridge on Race Street, between Sixth and Broad Avenues, over certain railroad tracks in the City of Altoona; empowering the Public Utility Commission to fix and determine the proportionate shares of the cost and maintenance thereof, including compensation for damages to adjacent land owners; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. The Department of Highways is hereby authorized to erect and construct a bridge on Race Street, between Sixth and Broad Avenues, over the railroad tracks of the Hollidaysburg and Petersburg Branch of The Pennsylvania Railroad, in the City of Altoona, as part of State Highway Route 55, Spur C, as established by law.

Section 2. In the construction of said bridge and the approaches thereto, the Department of Highways shall have all of the powers and authority conferred with respect to the relocation, widening or construction of State highways, and any damages sustained by reason of the taking of property in the construction of said bridge and approaches thereto shall be ascertained as provided in the act, approved the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1242), known as the "State Highway Law" and its amendments.

Section 3. The compensation for damages which may be sustained by the owners of property adjacent to the bridge and approaches thereto, as well as the expense of construction and maintenance of said bridge and approaches thereto, shall be borne and paid in such proportions as the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, after due notice and hearing, shall determine, unless such proportions are mutually agreed upon and paid by the interested parties.

Section 4. So much money as may be necessary is hereby appropriated from the Motor License Fund for the construction of such bridge and the approaches thereto and for the payment of damages for property taken, injured or destroyed in connection therewith.

Section 5. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.