

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO ERECT TOLL BRIDGES**  
**Act of Jan. 14, (1952) 1951, P.L. 2046, No. 577**  
AN ACT

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Authorizing the Department of Highways to erect and maintain toll bridges over the Susquehanna River at certain points, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with 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 bridges over the Susquehanna River, at the hereafter described locations, to connect the State highways on both sides of said river, and to acquire the necessary land for approaches thereto.

(a) From a point in or near the borough of Millersburg, in Dauphin County, to a point on the opposite side of said river, in Perry County.

(b) From a point between Safe Harbor and Holtwood, in Lancaster County, to a point on the opposite side of said river, in York County.

Section 2. In the construction of said bridges 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 projects 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 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. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.