AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to erect and maintain a bridge over the Brodhead Creek, in the Borough of Stroudsburg, Monroe County, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages.

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 bridge over the Brodhead Creek, in the Borough of Stroudsburg, Monroe County, and the necessary approaches thereto, which shall extend from Legislative Route 164 at its intersection with Lenox Avenue in East Stroudsburg, along said Lenox Avenue in a westerly direction to its end; thence in a southwesterly direction, crossing Brodhead Creek and First Street in Stroudsburg to join Legislative Route 169 at approximately the northern borough line of Stroudsburg, including ramp connections for east bound traffic from Third Street and west bound traffic in First Street, in the Borough of Stroudsburg, the total distance being approximately thirty-five hundred feet.

The new bridge and approaches thereto, hereinbefore described, shall replace that portion of Legislative Route 166 which extends in a southerly direction between its junction with Legislative Route 45011 and Legislative Route 45058, across the Brodhead Creek to its junction with Legislative Route 45061 just before it crosses the tracks of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, an equal distance of approximately thirty-five hundred feet.

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 5. This act shall take effect immediately.