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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**  
**No. 1043** Session of  
1981

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INTRODUCED BY MANBECK, O'CONNELL, HELFRICK AND CORMAN,  
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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 11, 1981

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242, No.428), entitled  
2 "An act relating to roads, streets, highways and bridges;  
3 amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws  
4 administered by the Secretary of Highways and by the  
5 Department of Highways relating thereto," further providing  
6 for sidewalks along State highways.

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

9 Section 1. Section 416, act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242,  
10 No.428), known as the "State Highway Law," is amended to read:

11 Section 416. Sidewalks along State Highways.--[Whenever it  
12 shall appear that any part or portion of a State highway in any  
13 township is dangerous to the traveling public, and such danger  
14 could be materially reduced or lessened by the construction of a  
15 sidewalk, the department may aid the local authorities to lay  
16 out and construct a sidewalk along such dangerous portion of  
17 State highway. Such sidewalks shall be constructed in such  
18 manner, and of such materials as deemed advisable by the  
19 department, but shall be raised at least five inches above the

1 surface of the highway. All sidewalks constructed under the  
2 provisions of this section shall be thereafter considered as a  
3 part of the State highway system, and shall be reconstructed,  
4 maintained and repaired, by the department, and the cost or  
5 proportion thereof agreed to be paid by the department shall be  
6 paid in the same manner as provided in this act in the case of  
7 State highways.] The department may construct a sidewalk along  
8 any highway involved in a project paid in whole or in part with  
9 Federal funds, if Federal law or regulations require  
10 construction of a sidewalk. All sidewalks constructed under the  
11 provisions of this section shall be reconstructed, maintained  
12 and repaired by the municipality in which the sidewalk is  
13 located.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.