THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 914

Session of 1997

INTRODUCED BY WOZNIAK, WAGNER, HELFRICK, MUSTO, HART, STOUT, BELAN AND COSTA, APRIL 15, 1997

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 15, 1997

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for construction,
- 3 relocation, suspension and abolition of crossings.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 2702(c) of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 2702. Construction, relocation, suspension and abolition of
- 9 crossings.
- 10 * * *
- 11 (c) Mandatory relocation, alteration, suspension or
- 12 abolition.--Upon its own motion or upon complaint, the
- 13 commission shall have exclusive power after hearing, upon notice
- 14 to all parties in interest, including the owners of adjacent
- 15 property, to order any such crossing heretofore or hereafter
- 16 constructed to be relocated or altered, or to be suspended or
- 17 abolished upon such reasonable terms and conditions as shall be
- 18 prescribed by the commission. In determining the plans and

- 1 specifications for any such crossing, the commission may lay
- 2 out, establish, and open such new highways as, in its opinion,
- 3 may be necessary to connect such crossing with any existing
- 4 highway, or make such crossing more available to public use; and
- 5 may abandon or vacate such highways or portions of highways as,
- 6 in the opinion of the commission, may be rendered unnecessary
- 7 for public use by the construction, relocation, or abandonment
- 8 of any of such crossings. The commission may order the work of
- 9 construction, relocation, alteration, protection, suspension or
- 10 abolition of any crossing aforesaid to be performed in whole or
- 11 in part by any public utility or municipal corporation concerned
- 12 or by the Commonwealth or an established nonprofit organization
- 13 with a recreational, conservation or rails-to-trail purpose.
- 14 * * *
- 15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.