
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 523 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY DAY, R. BROWN, T. DAVIS, HELM, MOUL, NEILSON,
POLINCHOCK AND ROWE, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1836 (P.L.551, No.169), entitled
2 "An act relating to roads, highways and bridges," further
3 providing for repair of private roads.

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

6 Section 1. Section 15 of the act of June 13, 1836 (P.L.551,
7 No.169), referred to as the General Road Law, is amended to
8 read:

9 Section 15. Repair of private roads

10 (a) All private roads shall be opened, fenced and kept in
11 repair by and at the expense of the person or persons
12 respectively at whose request the same were granted and laid
13 out, and by their heirs and assigns.

14 (b) When more than one person enjoys a common benefit from a
15 private road, each person shall contribute in proportion to the
16 amount of private road utilized to the cost of maintaining the
17 private road at the current level of improvement and shall have
18 the right to bring a civil action to enforce the requirement of

1 this section.

2 (c) A person shall be exempt from contributing to the cost
3 of maintaining the private road under subsection (b) if the
4 person does not utilize the private road for primary access to
5 the person's property.

6 (d) This section shall not apply to private roads with a
7 written agreement or to private roads within a common interest
8 ownership community under 68 Pa.C.S. (relating to real and
9 personal property).

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