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**LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

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**FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.****No.****692****Session of  
1919.**

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**INTRODUCED BY MR. SHAFFER, MARCH 3, 1919.**

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**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ROADS,  
MARCH 4, 1919.**

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**AN ACT**

To amend part of section six of an act approved the thirty-first day of May one thousand nine hundred and eleven entitled "An act providing for the establishment of a State Highway Department by the appointment of a State Highway Commissioner two Deputy State Highway Commissioners chief engineer chief draughtsman superintendents of highways and a staff of assistants and employes defining their duties and jurisdiction of the State Highway Department and fixing salaries of commissioner and deputies and other appointees providing for taking over from the counties or townships of the Commonwealth certain existing public roads connecting county-seats principal cities and towns and extending to the State line describing and defining same by route numbers as the State highways of the Commonwealth providing for the improvement maintenance and repair of said

State highways solely at the expense of the Commonwealth and relieving the several townships or counties from any further obligation and expense to improve or maintain the same and relieving said townships or counties of authority over same requiring boroughs and incorporated towns to maintain certain State highways wholly and in part requiring the State Highway Commissioner to make maps to be complete records thereof conferring authority on the State Highway Commissioner providing for the payment of damages in taking of property or otherwise in the improvement thereof providing for purchase or acquiring of turn-pikes or toll-roads forming all or part of any State highway and procedure therein providing for work of improvement of State highways to be done by contract except where the State Highway Commissioner decides the work be done by the State providing aid by the State to counties and townships desiring the same in the improvement of township or county roads defining highways and State-aid highways providing method of application for State aid in the improvement maintenance and repair of township or county roads and prescribing the contents of township county borough or incorporated town petitions providing for percentage of cost of improvement or repairs to be paid by State county township borough or incorporated town and requiring contracts by counties townships boroughs and incorporated towns with Commonwealth governing

same providing for the minimum width of State highways and State-aid highways and kind of materials to be used in the improvement providing for payment of cost of improvement and repairs providing penalty for injuring or destroying State highways making appropriations to carry out the provisions of the act and providing for the repeal of certain acts relating to Highway Department and improvement of roads and of all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith and providing that existing contracts are not affected by provisions of this act" so as to change in part Route two hundred and ninety

1 Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same* That  
4 so much of section six of an act approved the thirty-  
5 first day of May one thousand nine hundred and eleven  
6 (Pamphlet Laws four hundred sixty-eight) entitled "An act  
7 providing for the establishment of a State Highway De-  
8 partment by the appointment of a State Highway Com-  
9 missioner two Deputy State Highway Commissioners chief  
10 engineer chief draughtsman superintendents of highways and  
11 a staff of assistants and employes defining their duties  
12 and the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department  
13 and fixing salaries of commissioner and deputies and other  
14 appointees providing for taking over from the counties or  
15 townships of the Commonwealth certain existing public  
16 roads connecting county-seats principal cities and towns and

1 extending to the State line describing and defining same  
2 by route numbers as the State highways of the Common-  
3 wealth providing for the improvement maintenance and re-  
4 pair of said State highways solely at the expense of  
5 the Commonwealth and relieving the several townships or  
6 counties from any further obligation and expense to im-  
7 prove or maintain the same and relieving said townships  
8 or counties of authority over same requiring boroughs and  
9 incorporated towns to maintain certain State highways  
10 wholly and in part requiring the State Highway Commis-  
11 sioner to make maps to be complete records thereof con-  
12 ferring authority on the State Highway Commissioner pro-  
13 viding for the payment of damages in taking of prop-  
14 erty or otherwise in the improvement thereof providing for  
15 purchase or acquiring of turnpikes or toll-roads forming  
16 all or part of any State highway and procedure therein  
17 providing for work of improvement of State highways to  
18 be done by contract except where the State Highway  
19 Commissioner decides the work be done by the State pro-  
20 viding aid by the State to counties and townships desir-  
21 ing the same in the improvement of township or county  
22 roads defining highways and State-aid highways providing  
23 method of application for State aid in the improvement  
24 maintenance and repair of township or county roads and  
25 prescribing the contents of township county borough or in-  
26 corporated town petitions providing for percentage of cost  
27 of improvement or repairs to be paid by State county  
28 township borough or incorporated town and requiring con-  
29 tracts by counties townships boroughs and incorporated

1 towns with Commonwealth governing same providing for the  
2 minimum width of State highways and State-aid highways  
3 and kind of materials to be used in the improvement  
4 providing for payment of cost of improvement and repairs  
5 providing penalty for injuring or destroying State highways  
6 making appropriations to carry out the provisions of the  
7 act and providing for the repeal of certain acts relating  
8 to Highway Department and improvement of roads and of  
9 all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith and pro-  
10 viding that existing contracts are not affected by pro-  
11 visions of this act" which reads as follows

12 "Route Two Hundred and Ninety From Bloomsburg to  
13 Mauch Chunk--Commencing in Bloomsburg and running over  
14 route one hundred and eighty-three to Shenandoah thence  
15 by way of Mahanoy City Bucks Mountain and Quakake  
16 to Ginther thence over route one hundred and eighty-five  
17 and one hundred and sixty-two into Mauch Chunk Carbon  
18 county" is hereby amended to read as follows

19 Route Two Hundred and Ninety From Bloomsburg to  
20 Mauch Chunk commencing in Bloomsburg and running by  
21 way of East Bloomsburg Mainville and Beaver Valley to  
22 a point on the dividing line between Columbia and  
23 Schuylkill counties thence by way of Zion's Grove Cedar-  
24 ville and Brandonville into Shenandoah thence by way of  
25 Mahanoy City Bucks Mountain and Quakake to Ginther  
26 thence over routes one hundred and eighty-five and one  
27 hundred and sixty-two into Mauch Chunk Carbon county