

that existing contracts are not effected by provisions of this act," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Highway plan of State.

Section 19. In addition to his other duties, the [State Highway Commissioner] *Secretary of Highways* shall cause to be made a survey of all the roads in the State; and shall cause to be made and kept for the [State Highway Department] *Department of Highways* a general highway plan of the State; and compile statistics and collect information relative to the mileage, character, and condition of the highways in the townships and counties of the State. He shall investigate and determine upon the various methods of road construction best adapted to the various sections of the State; and establish standards for the construction and

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maintenance of highways in various sections, taking into consideration the topography of the country, the natural conditions and the character and availability of road building material, and the ability of the townships and counties to build and maintain roads under the provisions of this act. He may at all reasonable times be consulted by county, city, borough, incorporated town, or township officers having authority over highways and bridges, and shall, when requested, advise and give information to such officers relative to the construction, repairing, alteration, and maintenance of the said highways and bridges. He shall at all times lend his aid in promoting road improvement throughout the State, and [shall] *may prepare models and pictures for exhibition, and exhibit the same at such times and at such places as in his judgment shall be deemed advisable, and, in addition thereto, he may also compile all useful information relative to road building and maintenance, which he shall disseminate by means of printed bulletins, issued at such times and in such numbers as he shall deem best. He shall cause to be published maps showing complete road surveys of each county, which shall be kept on sale in the [State Highway Department] Department of Highways at cost of publication.*

Advice to officers.

Exhibition of models and pictures.

Bulletins.

Maps

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 105

AN ACT

Relating to such highways as are opened by the order of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in proceedings relating to elimination of grade crossings; and relating to the establishment of such roads and connecting roads as State highways; and providing for their construction and maintenance at the expense of the Commonwealth; and providing in certain event for the opening and maintaining of said roads by city, borough, incorporated town, and township authorities.

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Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in case the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania has heretofore or shall hereafter, in proceedings relating to the elimination of grade crossing or crossings, order and direct the opening of a new highway (where no legally opened highway existed before), in order to afford a proper approach to a subway, bridge or viaduct, such newly opened highway and the road leading therefrom and to said subway, bridge or viaduct are adopted by the Commonwealth as State highways, to be constructed and maintained at the sole expense of the Commonwealth, under the provisions of the present or future laws governing main highways: Provided, however, That, at the time of making the order relating to said highways, the Public Service Commission shall have the right to direct that said road shall be opened and maintained at the expense of the city, borough, incorporated town, or township in which said roads are located.

Highways directed to be opened in proceedings to eliminate grade crossings.

Proviso.

Expense may be imposed on municipalities.

Section 2. Unless otherwise ordered as provided in section one of this act, the cost and expense of the maintenance, construction, and improvement of the highways herein described shall be paid out of any moneys appropriated to the State Highway Department for maintenance, reconstruction or improvement of highways.

Payment out of funds appropriated to highways.

APPROVED—The 7th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 106

AN ACT

To amend section two of an act, approved the twelfth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred and twenty-three), entitled "An act conferring authority on the Department of Highways and any county or township to enter upon private property adjacent to any public road or highway and place thereon snow fence between December first and April first of the succeeding year; and providing for the payment of damages by the authorities responsible for the maintenance of said public road or highway to the owner of adjacent property occasioned in the actual placing or removal of said snow fence," by providing that such snow fence may be placed between November first and April first of the succeeding year.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two of an act, approved the twelfth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred and twenty-three), entitled "An act conferring authority on the Department of Highways and any county or township to enter upon private property adjacent to any public road or highway and place thereon snow fence between December first and April first of the succeeding year; and providing for the payment of damages by the authorities responsible for the maintenance of said public road or highway to

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Section 2, of act of May 12, 1925 (P. L. 623), amended.

Snow fence.