

No. 115

AN ACT

To further amend section eleven of an act, approved the ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and fourteen), entitled "An act providing for the erection and construction by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey of a bridge over the Delaware River, connecting the city of Philadelphia and the city of Camden, and the approaches thereto; providing for a joint commission for that purpose, and defining its powers and duties; providing for an independent commission in this Commonwealth in relation thereto, and defining its powers and duties; providing for the payment of a part of the cost thereof by the city of Philadelphia; and providing for the acquiring, taking, and condemnation of the real estate for the site and approaches thereof; providing for the turning over of said bridge upon its completion; and making an appropriation for the purposes of this act," as heretofore supplemented and amended by an act, approved the fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and thirty-seven), and by an act, approved the eighteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six (Pamphlet Laws, ten), by conferring further powers upon the Pennsylvania commission acting in conjunction with such agency as may be or may have been authorized by the State of New Jersey to cooperate with the Pennsylvania commission; providing for the appointment of policemen by said joint body; authorizing the making of rules and regulations for the prevention of disorder, the preservation of safety, and the conservation of traffic on said bridge; to prevent the evasion of the payment of tolls; and providing a penalty for the violation of any such rules or regulations and for the evasion or attempt to evade the payment of tolls.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section eleven of an act, approved the ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred and fourteen), entitled "An act providing for the erection and construction by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey of a bridge over the Delaware River, connecting the city of Philadelphia and the city of Camden, and the approaches thereto; providing for a joint commission for that purpose, and defining its powers and duties; providing for an independent commission in this Commonwealth in relation thereto, and defining its powers and duties; providing for the payment of a part of the cost thereof by the city of Philadelphia; and providing for the acquiring, taking, and condemnation of the real estate for the site and approaches thereof; providing for the turning over of said bridge upon its completion; and making an appropriation for the purposes of this act," as heretofore supplemented and amended by an act, approved the fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and thirty-seven), and by an act, approved the eighteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six (Pamphlet Laws, ten), be and the same is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 11. Said bridge, upon its completion, shall be maintained, repaired, and operated by the Penn-

Delaware River
bridge connecting
Philadelphia and
Camden.

Section 11 of act
of July 9, 1919
(P. L. 814), last
amended by act
of February 18,
1926 (P. L. 10),
further amended.

Maintenance, re-
pair and opera-
tion.

sylvania commission, acting in conjunction with such agency as may be *or may have been* authorized by the State of New Jersey to cooperate with the Pennsylvania commission for these purposes, until such time as the State of New Jersey, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the city of Philadelphia shall have been reimbursed in full as provided in section ten of this act as amended. Thereafter said Pennsylvania commission and such agency of the State of New Jersey shall make such disposition of said bridge as shall hereafter be provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey. In connection with the operation of said bridge, said Pennsylvania Commission and such agency of the State of New Jersey may enter into leases or contracts upon such terms as they may deem advisable, for the use by individuals, copartnerships or corporations of such parts of said bridge and the property appurtenant thereto as may not be required for the accommodation of traffic: Provided, That no such lease or contract shall be entered into unless it provides for the payment of reasonable compensation for the privileges thereby conferred. For the purpose of maintaining, repairing, and operating said bridge, said Pennsylvania commission, acting in conjunction with said agency authorized by the State of New Jersey, may employ such workmen, policemen, collectors of tolls, and other employes as they may deem necessary and advisable, and fix their compensation, and may incur such other expenses as they deem necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of said bridge. *The said Pennsylvania commission, acting in conjunction with such agency as may be or may have been authorized by the State of New Jersey to cooperate with the Pennsylvania commission, shall have power, and authority is hereby conferred upon the Pennsylvania commission acting in conjunction as aforesaid with said agency of the State of New Jersey, to appoint such number of policemen as may be found necessary to keep in safety and preserve order upon said bridge; to administer to such policemen an oath or affirmation faithfully to perform the duties of their respective positions or offices; and to provide for the payment of such policemen from the tolls and other revenue derived from the said bridge. The policemen so appointed shall have power and authority to make arrests for crimes, misdemeanors, and offenses of any character committed upon said bridge, for disorder or breach of the peace, and for violations of any lawful regulation which may be or may heretofore have been adopted by the said Pennsylvania commission acting in conjunction with the said agency of the State of New Jersey. Such policemen shall be further authorized and empowered to make arrests for evasion or attempts to evade the payment of tolls which may be fixed or may*

Leases and contracts for use.

Proviso.

Employes.

Appointment of policemen.

Oath.

Compensation.

Powers of policemen.

Arrests for evading payment of tolls.

have been fixed for passage over the said bridge. To pass over any part of said bridge in any vehicle for which tolls shall be collectible, without passing through the toll gates or paying such toll, shall constitute such evasion and shall subject the person so evading or attempting to evade such payment to arrest as aforesaid. Upon the apprehension or arrest of any person or persons for any of the foregoing reasons, the offender may be taken before any magistrate of the city and county of Philadelphia, or any proper judicial officer of the State of New Jersey, without respect to the portion of the bridge upon which such offense may have been committed or attempted or such offender arrested, and thereupon such magistrate of the city and county of Philadelphia or such judicial officer of the State of New Jersey shall have power and authority to punish such offender as hereinafter provided. The Pennsylvania commission, acting in conjunction with the aforesaid agency, authorized by the State of New Jersey, shall have power to adopt such rules and regulations as they may deem expedient for the proper government of the said bridge and for the preservation of good order, safe traffic, and proper conduct thereon. For any violation of any of the foregoing provisions of this act, or of any rule or regulation adopted by the Pennsylvania commission in conjunction with the said agency of the State of New Jersey, or for any evasion or attempt to evade payment of tolls, the offender or offenders shall be subject to a fine or penalty of not less than ten dollars (\$10) or more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) together with costs, to be adjudged by the magistrate of the city and county of Philadelphia or the judicial officer of the State of New Jersey before whom such offender or offenders may be brought, and, on default of payment of such fine or penalty, then to imprisonment of not less than ten days or more than thirty days in the county prison of the county of Philadelphia or in of the State of New Jersey; and, upon conviction of any subsequent offense, shall be subject to a fine or penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) or more than fifty dollars (\$50), together with costs, or to imprisonment of not less than thirty days or more than sixty days or both or either at the discretion of the magistrate of the city and county of Philadelphia or the judicial officer of the State of New Jersey as aforesaid: Provided, That this act shall not take effect until a similar, or substantially similar, statute shall become a law of the State of New Jersey.

What constitutes evasion.

Jurisdiction and punishment of offenses.

Rules and regulations.

Penalties.

Proviso.

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