

Damages to be determined and paid according to law.

Section 2. Any damages sustained by the owner or owners of land entered upon by the Department of Highways for the purpose herein provided shall be determined and paid in the manner provided by law for the payment of damages to property heretofore or hereafter caused or occasioned in connection with the work of the department in the construction, improvement, maintenance, and repair, or in the preparation of materials for such purpose, of roads, highways or bridges under the jurisdiction of the department, and for which the Commonwealth is responsible for maintenance, and attributed to negligence or carelessness on the part of the employes of the department.

Penalty for interfering with this right of the department.

Section 3. If any person shall interfere with or obstruct the exercise of the authority herein conferred, such person shall, for every such offense, forfeit and pay the sum of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars, such penalty to be recovered by summary conviction in an action before any magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace, and such fines, as shall be imposed, shall be transmitted to the State Treasury of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and credited to the Motor License Fund. The penalty herein provided shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any penalties imposed by existing law.

When effective.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 100

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Highways to disregard terminal points in relocating State highway routes under certain conditions.

Relocation of State highways.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That when the terminal point of one or more State highway routes is described as being at the boundary line of a county, township, municipality or adjoining state and the highway continues beyond such point, the Secretary of Highways shall have authority to relocate such State highway route or routes, in accordance with the provisions of present or future laws governing the relocation of State highways, without limitation on account of such terminal point, except that the new point of crossing of such line shall be properly referenced and shown on the plan by which the relocation is made.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment. When effective.

APPROVED—The 22d day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 101

AN ACT

To further amend sections nine and eleven of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred ninety-five), entitled "An act empowering the Department of Highways to acquire certain toll bridges within the Commonwealth; providing the procedure therefor; providing for the reimbursement of the Commonwealth from tolls and charges; and making an appropriation," as amended, making the time for taking possession of any such toll bridge discretionary with the Secretary of Highways; providing for the transfer in certain cases of funds from the Motor License Fund to the Toll Bridge Fund, and the reimbursement thereof to the Motor License Fund from the Toll Bridge Fund out of proceeds of the sale of certain authorized bonds; further providing for the payment of the cost of acquiring such bridges; further regulating the collection of tolls, and reimbursing the Commonwealth for the cost of acquiring such bridges; further providing when such bridges shall be free of tolls; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That sections nine and eleven of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred ninety-five), entitled "An act empowering the Department of Highways to acquire certain toll bridges within the Commonwealth; providing the procedure therefor; providing for the reimbursement of the Commonwealth from tolls and charges; and making an appropriation," as amended by the act, approved the second day of January, one thousand nine hundred thirty-four (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred five), be, and the same is hereby, further amended to read as follows:

Section 9. As soon as the Secretary of Highways and said owners shall have agreed upon the price of any such bridge, or as soon as the Secretary of Highways shall have determined to acquire any such bridge by condemnation proceedings, the Secretary of Highways [if funds sufficient for the purchase of the bridge are available in the Toll Bridge Fund, shall] *may* at once take possession of such bridge in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The purchase price agreed upon for any such bridge, or the amount of any award or verdict under condemnation proceeding for the acquisition of any such bridge, shall be paid out of moneys in the Toll Bridge Fund

Department of Highways.

Sections 9 and 11, act of April 27, 1927 (P. L. 395), as amended by act of January 2, 1934 (P. L. 205), further amended.

Taking possession of bridge.

Purchase price or award to be paid out of Toll Bridge Fund.