

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to construct a highway and to erect and maintain a bridge over the Chester River in Delaware County, between Twenty-second Street and Upland Avenue in the Borough of Upland to a point on Chester Expressway in the City of Chester, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Department of Highways authorized to construct a highway and erect a bridge over the Chester River in Delaware County.

Section 1. The Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized to construct a highway and to erect and construct a bridge over the Chester River in Delaware County, between Twenty-second Street and Upland Avenue in the Borough of Upland and a point on the Chester Expressway in the City of Chester South, and to acquire the necessary land for the purchase thereto.

Department of Highways empowered with right of eminent domain.

Section 2. In the construction of said bridge and the approaches thereto and connections with existing State highways, the Department of Highways shall have all of the powers and authority conferred with respect to the relocation, widening or construction of State highways, including the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Any damages sustained by reason of taking property in the location, widening or construction of any such bridge, the approaches thereto and connections with State highways, shall be ascertained in accordance with laws applicable to the ascertainment of damages in relocating, widening or constructing State highways, and such damages when ascertained shall be paid by the Commonwealth or county or counties as may be agreed upon in accordance with the laws relating to State highways.

The Department of Highways shall have authority to make and carry out and to do every other act necessary to carry out the project herein authorized.

Upon completion Department of Highways has the responsibility of maintenance and reconstruction.

Section 3. After the completion of such bridge and the approaches thereto, they shall be reconstructed and maintained by the Department of Highways in accordance with present or future laws governing the reconstruction and maintenance of State highways.

Appropriation.

Section 4. So much of the money in the Motor License Fund from time to time as may be needed to carry out

the provisions of this act, but not in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Highways for such purposes.

APPROVED—The 9th day of May, A. D. 1957.

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No. 55

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P. L. 1053), entitled "An act relating to the regulation of public utilities; defining as public utilities certain corporations, companies, associations, and persons; providing for the regulation of public utilities, including, to a limited extent, municipalities engaging in public utility business, by prescribing, defining, and limiting their duties, powers, and liabilities, and regulating the exercise, surrender or abandonment of their powers, privileges, and franchises; defining and regulating contract carriers by motor vehicle and brokers in order to regulate effectively common carriers by motor vehicle; conferring upon the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the power and duty of supervising and regulating persons, associations, companies, and corporations, including, to a limited extent, municipal corporations subject to this act, and administering the provisions of this act; authorizing the commission to fix temporary rates; placing the burden of proof on public utilities to sustain their rates and certain other matters; authorizing a permissive or mandatory sliding scale method of regulating rates; providing for the supervision of financial and contractual relations between public utilities and affiliated interests, and supervision and regulation of accounts and securities or obligations issued, assumed, or kept by persons, associations, companies, corporations or municipal corporations subject to this act; conferring upon the commission power to vary, reform, or revise certain contracts; conferring upon the commission the exclusive power to regulate or order the construction, alteration, relocation, protection, or abolition of crossings of facilities of public utilities, and of such facilities by or over public highways, to appropriate property for the construction or improvement of such crossings, and to award or apportion resultant costs and damages; authorizing owners of such property to sue the Commonwealth for such damages; providing for ejectment proceedings in connection with the appropriation of property for crossings; conferring upon the commission power to control and regulate budgets of public utilities; imposing upon persons, associations, companies, and corporations (except municipal corporations) subject to regulation, the cost of administering this act, prescribing and