

No. 100
AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to *erect and maintain a high level bridge over the Allegheny River, in Freeport, Armstrong County, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages.

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

Armstrong
County.

Section 1. The Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, is authorized to erect and construct a high level bridge over the Allegheny River, in Freeport, Armstrong County, replacing the Garvers Ferry Bridge and to acquire the necessary land for approaching thereto. The Department of Highways shall not expend more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in the erection and construction of the bridge.

Authority to
build a bridge
in Armstrong
County over the
Allegheny River
granted to
Department of
Highways sub-
ject to approval
of the Governor.
Limitation of
amount to be
expended.

Section 2. In the construction of the 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 the 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.

Power of
eminent domain
conferred on
Department
of 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.

Ascertainment
of damages and
payment pro-
vided.

Section 3. After the completion of the bridge and the approaches thereto, they shall be toll free and 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.

Reconstruction
and maintenance
responsibility.

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, is appropriated to the Department of Highways for such purposes.

Appropriation.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective
immediately.

APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

* "errect" in original.