

No. 628

AN ACT

Authorizing and directing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to erect and maintain a toll bridge over the Ohio River, in Beaver County, between a point in or near the Borough of Shippingport to a point in or near the Borough of Midland on the opposite side of the Ohio River; 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: Bridges.

Section 1. The Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized and directed to erect and construct a bridge over the Ohio River, in Beaver County, between a point in or near the Borough of Shippingport to a point in or near the Borough of Midland on the opposite side of the Ohio River and to acquire the necessary land for approaches thereto.

Authority to construct bridge over the Ohio river in Beaver County.

Upon completion of the bridge, the Department of Highways shall operate and maintain the same as a toll bridge and shall charge and collect tolls at reasonable rates determined by it, until the cost of the bridge, and of operating and maintaining it, have been paid.

Operation and maintenance of bridge.

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.

Eminent domain; damages.

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.

Section 3. After the cost of construction of such bridge and the approaches thereto has been paid, the collection of tolls shall cease and the bridge and its

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approaches shall be maintained by the Department of Highways in accordance with present or future laws governing the reconstruction and maintenance of State highways.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 629

AN ACT

Amending the act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act, conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Commonwealth, liability for damages caused by the negligent operation of their motor vehicles; imposing penalties; imposing certain costs upon counties; providing for the disposition of fines, forfeitures, fees, and miscellaneous receipts; making an appropriation and providing for refunds," including within the definition of "Commercial Motor Vehicle" and excluding from the definition of "Motor Omnibus," buses transporting pupils of private and parochial schools and Sunday school children, and by regulating the use of commercial motor vehicles.

The Vehicle Code.

Definitions of "Commercial Motor Vehicle" and "Motor Omnibus", section 102, act of May 1, 1929, P. L. 905, amended May 18, 1949, P. L. 1412, further amended.

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

Section 1. The definitions of "Commercial Motor Vehicle" and "Motor Omnibus," in section 102, act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended May eighteen, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1412), are amended to read:

Section 102. Definitions.—The following words and phrases when used in this act, shall, for the purpose of this act, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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