fully or maliciously destroy, injure, or damage any such highway in this Commonwealth, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon arrest and conviction Misdemeanor. therefor, shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars Penalty. (\$10) nor more than twenty dollars (\$20) for each and every offense, together with the costs of prosecution, which shall be recovered, as in similar cases, upon complaint of any person before a magistrate or justice of the peace, and the fine or fines so recovered shall be paid into the State Treasury.

APPROVED-The 26th day of April, A. D. 1921.

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## No. 158.

## AN ACT

Providing exclusive methods for the collection of benefits assessed by viewers in proceedings incidental to public improvements, and providing for the filing of municipal liens therefor and for their collection.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That hereafter the exclusive methods for the collection of benefits assessed against any property in any proceedings by the appointment of viewers for the assessment of benefits incident to any public improvement in any city, borough, or township, shall be either by an action of assumpsit against the owner of the property, or by the filing and collection of a municipal lien in the manner now provided by law.

In all cases where benefits in any such proceedings have been or shall be assessed against any property, it shall be the duty of the municipal authorities, within six months after the absolute confirmation of the report of viewers, to forthwith file the necessary municipal lien or liens to protect the interests of the city, borough, or township, and recovery may be had thereon in the manner now provided for the recovery of municipal liens.

This act shall apply to all proceedings now pending in any city, borough, or township, as well as to all proceedings hereafter instituted.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent Repeal with this act are hereby repealed.

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