

No. 271

AN ACT

To amend route one hundred and forty-seven of section six of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred sixty-eight), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of a State Highway Department, by the appointment of a State Highway Commissioner, two Deputy State Highway Commissioners, chief engineer, chief draughtsman, superintendents of highways, and a staff of assistants and employes; defining their duties and the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department, and fixing salaries of commissioner and deputies and other appointees; providing for taking over from the counties or townships of the Commonwealth certain existing public roads connecting county-seats, principal cities, and towns and extending to the State line; describing and defining same by route numbers as the State Highways of the Commonwealth; providing for the improvement, maintenance and repair of said State Highways solely at the expense of the Commonwealth, and relieving the several townships or counties from any further obligation and expense to improve or maintain the same, and relieving said townships or counties of authority over same; requiring boroughs and incorporated towns to maintain certain State Highways wholly and in part; requiring the State Highway Commissioner to make maps to be complete records thereof; conferring authority on the State Highway Commissioner; providing for the payment of damages in taking of property, or otherwise, in the improvement thereof; providing for purchase or acquiring of turnpikes or toll-roads forming all or part of any State Highway, and procedure therein; providing for work of improvement of State Highways to be done by contract, except where the State Highway Commissioner decides the work be done by the State; providing aid by the State to counties and townships desiring the same in the improvement of township or county roads; defining highways and State-aid highways; providing method of application for State aid in the improvement, maintenance and repair of township or county roads, and prescribing the contents of township, county, borough, or incorporated town petitions; providing for percentage of cost of improvement or repairs to be paid by State, county, township, borough, or incorporated town, and requiring contracts by counties, townships, boroughs, and incorporated towns with Commonwealth governing same; providing for the minimum width of State Highways and State-aid highways, and kind of materials to be used in the improvement; providing for payment of cost of improvement and repairs; providing penalty for injuring or destroying State Highways; making appropriations to carry out the provisions of the act; and providing for the repeal of certain acts relating to Highway Department and improvement of roads, and of all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith; and providing that existing contracts are not affected by provisions of this act," as amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That route number one hundred and forty-seven of section six of an act, approved the thirty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred sixty-eight), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of a State Highway Department, by the ap-

State highways.

Route 147,
section 6, act of
May 31, 1911
(P. L. 468),
as amended
by act of
June 21, 1919
(P. L. 556),
further amended.

pointment of a State Highway Commissioner, two Deputy State Highway Commissioners, chief engineer, chief draughtsman, superintendents of highways, and a staff of assistants and employes; defining their duties and the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department, and fixing salaries of commissioner and deputies and other appointees; providing for taking over from the counties or townships of the Commonwealth certain existing public roads connecting county-seats, principal cities, and towns and extending to the State line; describing and defining same by route numbers as the State Highways of the Commonwealth; providing for the improvement, maintenance and repair of said State Highways solely at the expense of the Commonwealth, and relieving the several townships or counties from any further obligation and expense to improve or maintain the same, and relieving said townships or counties of authority over same; requiring boroughs and incorporated towns to maintain certain State Highways wholly and in part; requiring the State Highway Commissioner to make maps to be complete records thereof; conferring authority on the State Highway Commissioner; providing for the payment of damages in taking of property, or otherwise, in the improvement thereof; providing for purchase or acquiring of turnpikes or toll-roads forming all or part of any State Highway, and procedure therein; providing for work of improvement of State Highways to be done by contract, except where the State Highway Commissioner decides the work be done by the State; providing aid by the State to counties and townships desiring the same in the improvement of township or county roads; defining highways and State-aid highways; providing method of application for State aid in the improvement, maintenance and repair of township or county roads, and prescribing the contents of township, county, borough, or incorporated town petitions; providing for percentage of cost of improvement or repairs to be paid by State, county, township, borough, or incorporated town, and requiring contracts by counties, townships, boroughs, and incorporated towns with Commonwealth governing same; providing for the minimum width of State Highways and State-aid highways, and kind of materials to be used in the improvement; providing for payment of cost of improvement and repairs; providing penalty for injuring or destroying State Highways; making appropriations to carry out the provisions of the act; and providing for the repeal of certain acts relating to Highway Department and improvement of roads, and of all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith; and providing that existing contracts are not affected by provisions of this act," which was amended by section

one of the act, approved the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred fifty-six), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Route One Hundred and Forty-seven. From West Chester to Reading.—Commencing in West Chester, and running by way of Whiteland to Lionville; thence over the State Road to Windsor, Ludwigs, Pughtown, and Bucktown to a point on the Schuylkill road, opposite Pottstown; thence, by spur, [to] *across* the bridge [across] over the Schuylkill River to an *intersection with State highway number one hundred and forty-six at High and Hanover Streets in Pottstown*; thence to a point on the dividing line between Chester and Berks counties; thence by way of Brower and Birdsboro to a point on the boundary line of the city of Reading, Berks County: *Provided, however, That the Commonwealth shall not be liable for the cost of the removal of any grade crossing on the section of road added by this amendment, or any part thereof.*

Route 147.

Proviso.

APPROVED—The 22d day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 272

AN ACT

To amend sections one, two, three, four and five of the act, approved the eleventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand thirty-two), entitled "An act providing for the abatement of nuisances caused by the improper grading or defective paving or encroaching fences in alleys, in cities of the first class; for the establishment of lines and grades for, and the grading, paving, or repaving of, said alleys, and the grading of private alleys hereafter laid out; and for apportioning the cost, and for the filing of liens therefor," extending the provisions of said act to driveways.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That sections one, two, three, four and five of the act, approved the eleventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand thirty-two), entitled "An act providing for the abatement of nuisances caused by the improper grading or defective paving or encroaching fences in alleys, in cities of the first class; for the establishment of lines and grades for, and the grading, paving, or repaving of, said alleys, and the grading of private alleys hereafter laid out; and for apportioning the cost, and for the filing of liens therefor," are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in cities of the first class when the board of health shall declare any private alley or driveway to be a nuisance by reason of improper grading or defective paving of said alley or

Alleys and driveways.

Cities of first class.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, act of July 11, 1923 (P. L. 1032), amended.

Cities of first class.

Alleys and driveways declared to be nuisances.