

No. 158

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to enter into agreements with private owners of bridges, other than toll bridges, forming part of a State highway or a continuation thereof, or connecting two State highways, for the acquisition of such bridges, or for the division of responsibility for such maintenance thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That where a bridge, Highways. other than a toll bridge, forming part of a State highway or a continuation thereof, or connecting two State highways, shall be owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by any person, partnership, association or corporation, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to enter into agreements with such owner for the acquisition of such bridge or bridges, or for the division of responsibility for maintenance thereof, under such fair and reasonable terms of payment as may be agreed upon: Provided, however, That this act shall not apply to relieve any person, partnership, association or corporation from any obligation for the construction or maintenance of any such bridge under any agreement or order of court, or any order of the Public Service Commission, heretofore or hereafter made.

Section 2. The cost and expense of the acquisition or maintenance of any such bridges shall be paid out of moneys appropriated to the Department of Highways for the reconstruction, maintenance, and improvement of State highways. Cost to be paid by Department of Highways.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor. When effective.

APPROVED—The 13th day of May, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

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To further amend section one of an act, approved the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred forty-seven), entitled "An act placing upon the Commonwealth the responsibility for the construction and maintenance of certain bridges on State highway routes or continuations of State highway routes in boroughs, incorporated towns, cities of the third class and townships, under certain conditions and restrictions, and appropriating money in the Motor License Fund for such purposes; providing for a limitation of the Commonwealth's liability for reconstruction and maintenance, in certain cases, under orders of court or the Public Service Commission; providing for the Commonwealth to succeed to the rights of the county under certain existing