

## No. 120

## AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to erect and maintain a bridge over the Schuylkill River in Berks County and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering the county to pay certain damages; and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Section 1. The Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized to erect and construct a bridge from the foot of Fifth Street in the City of Reading across the Schuylkill River to connect with the Morgantown Road in the City of Reading, Berks County, or to connect Fifth Street in the City of Reading with the limited access highway running parallel to the Schuylkill River.

Section 2. In the construction of said bridge and the approaches thereto and connections with 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 as may be agreed upon in accordance with the laws relating to State 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.

Section 3. After the completion of such bridge and the approaches thereto, they 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.

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 hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Highways for such purposes.

Bridge construction.

Department of Highways, with approval of Governor, authorized to erect a bridge over the Schuylkill River in Reading, Berks County.

Powers conferred on department to include eminent domain.

Ascertainment and payment of damages.

Upon completion, future maintenance is duty of the department.

Appropriation from Motor License Fund.

APPROVED—The 3d day of July, A. D. 1963.

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