THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1078 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY TAYLOR, HARHART, PICKETT, COHEN, JAMES, BROWNLEE, RAPP, HELM, M. K. KELLER, GODSHALL, W. KELLER, MURT, VEREB, MAJOR, D. COSTA AND THOMAS, APRIL 27, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 27, 2015

AN ACT

Repealing the act of April 2, 1963 (P.L.16, No.14), entitled "An 1 act authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval 2 of the Governor, to construct a highway, and to erect and 3 maintain a bridge over the Kiskiminetas River in Westmoreland and Armstrong Counties, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages; and making an appropriation 7 therefor." 8 9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 10 11 Section 1. The act of April 2, 1963 (P.L.16, No.14), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Highways, with 12 13 the approval of the Governor, to construct a highway, and to 14 erect and maintain a bridge over the Kiskiminetas River in Westmoreland and Armstrong Counties, and to provide the 15 16 necessary approaches and connections with State highways; 17 empowering counties to pay certain damages; and making an appropriation therefor," is repealed: 18 19 [AN ACT

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- 1 Governor, to construct a highway, and to erect and maintain a
- 2 bridge over the Kiskiminetas River in Westmoreland and
- 3 Armstrong Counties, and to provide the necessary approaches
- 4 and connections with State highways; empowering counties to
- 5 pay certain damages; and making an appropriation therefor.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. The Department of Highways, with the approval of
- 9 the Governor, is hereby authorized to construct a highway and to
- 10 erect and construct a bridge beginning in Westmoreland County at
- 11 or near the Garvers Ferry approach to the proposed new Allegheny
- 12 River Bridge near Freeport; thence proceeding northeasterly
- 13 crossing the Kiskiminetas River to join Legislative Route No.
- 14 03001, leading from Traffic Route No. 66 to Schenley in
- 15 Armstrong County, a distance of approximately 10,000 feet in
- 16 length, including the bridge.
- 17 Section 2. In the construction of said highway and bridge
- 18 and the approaches thereto and connections with State highways,
- 19 the Department of Highways shall have all of the powers and
- 20 authority conferred with respect to the relocation, widening or
- 21 construction of State highways, including the exercise of the
- 22 power of eminent domain. Any damages sustained by reason of
- 23 taking property in the location, widening or construction of any
- 24 such highway, bridge, the approaches thereto, and connections
- 25 with State highways, shall be ascertained in accordance with
- 26 laws applicable to the ascertainment of damages in relocating,
- 27 widening or constructing State highways, and such damages when
- 28 ascertained shall be paid by the Commonwealth or county or
- 29 counties as may be agreed upon in accordance with the laws
- 30 relating to State highways.

- 1 The Department of Highways shall have authority to make and
- 2 carry out and to do every other act necessary to carry out the
- 3 project herein authorized.
- 4 Section 3. After the completion of such highway, bridge and
- 5 the approaches thereto, they shall be reconstructed and
- 6 maintained by the Department of Highways in accordance with
- 7 present or future laws governing the reconstruction and
- 8 maintenance of State highways.
- 9 Section 4. So much of the money in the Motor License Fund
- 10 from time to time as may be needed to carry out the provisions
- 11 of this act, but not in excess of four million dollars
- 12 (\$4,000,000), is hereby specifically appropriated to the
- 13 Department of Highways for such purposes.]
- 14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.