

**§2502. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

**1. Applicable licensing authority or licensing authority.** "Applicable licensing authority" or "licensing authority" means:

A. The Department of Transportation, when the public way is a state or state-aid highway, except for state or state-aid highways in the compact areas of urban compact municipalities as defined in Title 23, section 754; [PL 1999, c. 753, §9 (AMD).]

B. The municipal officers or their designees, when the public way is a city street or town way or a state or state-aid highway in the compact areas of urban compact municipalities and as defined in Title 23, section 754; and [PL 1999, c. 473, Pt. D, §8 (AMD).]

C. The county commissioners, for all other public ways. [PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]  
[PL 1999, c. 753, §9 (AMD).]

**2. Compact area.**

[PL 1999, c. 473, Pt. D, §9 (RP).]

**3. Facilities.** "Facilities" means:

A. If under the surface of the public way, pipes, cables and conduits; and [PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

B. If on or over the surface of the public way, poles, guys, hydrants, cables, wires and any plant or equipment located on or over the surface of the public way. [PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]  
[PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

**4. Federal-aid highway system.**

[PL 1999, c. 753, §10 (RP).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1987, c. 141, §A6 (NEW). PL 1993, c. 163, §§1,2 (AMD). PL 1999, c. 473, §§D8,9 (AMD).  
PL 1999, c. 753, §§9,10 (AMD).

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