

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 12, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, further providing for the installation and
 3 maintenance of Emergency Call Box Systems along interstate
 4 highways and turnpikes.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6115 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
 8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 6115. [Emergency telephones along Pennsylvania Turnpike.]

10 Emergency Call Box Systems along interstate highways
 11 and turnpikes.

12 [The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission shall provide for the
 13 installation and maintenance of an emergency telephone along
 14 every two miles on both sides of the highway along a 50-mile
 15 stretch of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between Exits 8 and 11.
 16 These emergency telephones shall be kept in operation for one

1 year on a test basis, after which the commission shall report to
2 the General Assembly its findings as to the use of the equipment
3 and the cost of maintaining it. This report shall be the basis
4 for a final decision as to whether emergency telephones should
5 be installed and maintained along the entire Pennsylvania
6 Turnpike and its extensions.]

7 (a) Interstate highways.--The department shall provide for
8 the installation and maintenance of the Emergency Call Box
9 System along the interstate highways utilizing 90% Federal
10 funding and 10% State funding.

11 (b) Turnpikes.--The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission shall
12 provide for the installation and maintenance of the Emergency
13 Call Box System along the turnpikes.

14 (c) Spacing.--The Emergency Call Box Systems spacing shall
15 be 1/2 mile between call boxes on both sides of the interstate
16 highways and turnpikes as recommended by the National Highway
17 Research Board.

18 (d) Compatibility.--The Emergency Call Box Systems shall be
19 compatible with the existing Pennsylvania Turnpike system.

20 Section 2. The Department of Transportation is ordered to
21 select the initial projects and implement the same within 90
22 days of the enactment date of this act.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.