

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 743 Session of
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SAURMAN, MARCH 13, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 13, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 30, 1985 (P.L.240, No.61),
2 entitled "An act to facilitate vehicular traffic within and
3 across the Commonwealth by providing for the construction,
4 reconstruction, improvement, operation and maintenance of
5 toll roads and the conversion of existing toll-free roads to
6 toll roads in Pennsylvania; conferring powers and imposing
7 duties on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; providing for
8 membership on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission;
9 authorizing issuance of turnpike revenue bonds, notes or
10 other obligations of the commission, payable solely from
11 revenues of the commission, including tolls, or from such
12 other funds as may be available to the commission for that
13 purpose, to pay the costs of such toll roads including the
14 acquisition and other costs of toll-free roads and for
15 refunding purposes; providing that no debt of the
16 Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the
17 powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of
18 tolls for the payment of such bonds, notes or other
19 obligations, and for the cost of maintenance, operation and
20 repair of the toll roads including toll-free roads converted
21 to toll roads; making such turnpike revenue bonds, notes or
22 other obligations exempt from taxation; constituting the same
23 legal investments in certain instances; requiring suits
24 against the commission to be brought in the courts in which
25 such actions may be brought against the Commonwealth;
26 prescribing conditions on which toll roads shall be turned
27 over to the Department of Transportation; providing for grade
28 separations, grade changes, relocations, restorations and
29 vacations of public roads and State highways affected by the

1 toll roads; providing for the purchasing or condemnation of
2 land and procedure for determining damages in condemnation;
3 granting certain powers and authority to municipalities and
4 agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the
5 commission; conferring powers and imposing duties on the
6 Department of Transportation; authorizing the Secretary of
7 Transportation to enter into negotiations with the United
8 States Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway
9 Administration or any other Federal agency regarding the
10 conversion of toll-free highways constructed in the
11 Commonwealth using Federal funds to toll roads; and
12 authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enter into
13 agreements on behalf of the Commonwealth and the commission
14 with the United States Department of Transportation, the
15 Federal Highway Administration or any other Federal agency
16 with respect to obtaining Federal funds for resurfacing,
17 restoring, rehabilitating or reconstructing toll roads in
18 Pennsylvania," providing for decals or stickers evidencing
19 the prepayment of tolls.

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

22 Section 1. The act of September 30, 1985 (P.L.240, No.61),
23 known as the Turnpike Organization, Extension and Toll Road
24 Conversion Act, is amended by adding a section to read:
25 Section 16.1. Decals or stickers evidencing prepayment of
26 tolls.

27 The commission shall, on a monthly basis, make available for
28 purchase by persons who regularly travel the same route on the
29 turnpike, a decal or sticker evidencing prepayment of the
30 appropriate tolls. The commission shall set aside a lane or
31 lanes at exchanges of the turnpike to provide for the
32 expeditious exit of vehicles displaying the decal or sticker.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.