THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

- 1 Establishing a pilot program to provide safe transportation home
- to persons suspected of having a prohibited blood alcohol
- concentration; and imposing powers and duties on the
- 4 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Short title.
- 8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Safe Ride
- 9 Home Grant Pilot Program Act.
- 10 Section 2. Definitions.
- 11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 13 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 14 "Board." The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.
- 15 "Program." The Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program
- 16 established by this act.
- 17 Section 3. Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program.
- 18 (a) Nature of program. -- The board shall establish and
- 19 administer the Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program, which is

- 1 established, beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year and
- 2 continuing through the 2017-2018 fiscal year to fund local
- 3 initiatives aimed at providing alternative means of
- 4 transportation to persons suspected of having a prohibited blood
- 5 alcohol concentration as set forth in 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802
- 6 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled
- 7 substance) from any premises licensed by the board to sell
- 8 alcoholic beverages to their places of residence. The board may
- 9 work in collaboration with private organizations to implement
- 10 the program.
- 11 (b) Awarding of grants. -- The board may award grants to any
- 12 county, municipality, university or nonprofit corporation. The
- 13 board shall set the maximum amount of any grant under this pilot
- 14 program and no grant may exceed 50% of the costs necessary to
- 15 provide the services.
- 16 Section 4. Liability.
- 17 The liability of a provider that operates such local
- 18 initiative to persons transported under the program is limited
- 19 to the amounts required for a motor vehicle liability insurance
- 20 policy under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 17 (relating to financial
- 21 responsibility).
- 22 Section 5. Duties.
- 23 The board shall:
- 24 (1) Develop and publicize an application procedure for
- 25 those eligible to participate in the pilot program.
- 26 (2) Monitor and evaluate the program and, upon the
- 27 conclusion of the 2016-2017 fiscal year, present a report of
- 28 the evaluation to the Law and Justice Committee of the Senate
- and the Liquor Control Committee of the House of
- 30 Representatives and make recommendations on the continuation,

- 1 alteration or expansion of the program. The final report
- 2 shall be made no later than December 1, 2017.
- 3 Section 6. Funding.
- 4 The program shall be funded by a \$5 surcharge, which
- 5 surcharge shall be levied upon conviction of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802
- 6 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled
- 7 substance).
- 8 Section 7. Expiration.
- 9 This act shall expire July 1, 2018.
- 10 Section 8. Effective date.
- 11 This act shall take effect immediately.