

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1127** Session of  
1987

INTRODUCED BY O'BRIEN, HUTCHINSON, DININNI, DeWEESE, FOX AND  
GEIST, APRIL 27, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 27, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42, No.8), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act empowering and authorizing the Department  
3 of Transportation to establish and administer certain grant  
4 programs for the betterment of mass transportation systems  
5 and facilities throughout the Commonwealth; providing for  
6 State grants to transportation companies, municipalities,  
7 counties, or their instrumentalities and to agencies and  
8 instrumentalities of the Commonwealth for studies, research,  
9 demonstration programs, promotion programs, purchase of  
10 service projects, and capital improvement projects under  
11 certain conditions; authorizing grants by counties or  
12 municipalities in metropolitan areas to local transportation  
13 organizations, authorizing the creation of a transportation  
14 authority to function in each metropolitan area consisting of  
15 any county of the first class and all nearby counties within  
16 a radius of twenty miles of any such first class county, as a  
17 body corporate and politic for the purpose of establishing an  
18 integrated mass transportation system with all pertinent  
19 powers including, but not limited to, leasing, acquiring,  
20 owning, operating and maintaining a system for, or otherwise  
21 providing for, the transportation of persons, authorizing the  
22 borrowing of money and issuance of bonds therefor, conferring  
23 the right of eminent domain on the authority; altering the  
24 jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission, authorizing  
25 the acceptance of grants from Federal, State and local  
26 governments, limiting actions against the authority and  
27 exempting it from taxation, authorizing counties and  
28 municipalities to enter into compacts for the financing of  
29 each authority and to make appropriations in accordance with  
30 such compacts, creating a citizen advisory committee,  
31 conferring exclusive jurisdiction upon certain courts with  
32 respect to matters relating to such authority, empowering  
33 each authority to function outside of the metropolitan area

1 under certain terms and conditions," requiring certain  
2 transportation authorities to solicit bids for and award  
3 contracts for advertising displays.

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

6 Section 1. Section 303(d) of the act of January 22, 1968  
7 (P.L.42, No.8), known as the Pennsylvania Urban Mass  
8 Transportation Law, is amended by adding a clause to read:

9 Section 303. Creation of Transportation Authorities; Rights  
10 and Powers.--\* \* \*

11 (d) A duly certified authority shall have and may exercise  
12 all powers necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the  
13 aforesaid purposes, including but without limiting the  
14 generality of the foregoing, the following rights or powers:

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16 (18.1) To solicit competitive bids for and award contracts  
17 to the highest responsible bidder for both interior and exterior  
18 advertising on all authority equipment on which the public is  
19 charged a fee for ridership. On rail units, only interior  
20 advertising bids should be solicited. Any authority which fails  
21 to comply with the provisions of this clause shall forfeit all  
22 financial assistance from the Commonwealth.

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24 Section 2. Each transportation authority shall have 120 days  
25 to implement the provisions of section 303(d)(18.1) of the act  
26 of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42, No.8), known as the Pennsylvania  
27 Urban Mass Transportation Law.

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.