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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 14, 1955 (P.L.174, No.52), entitled "An  
2 act to facilitate vehicular traffic in the southwestern  
3 section of the Commonwealth by providing for the  
4 construction, operation and maintenance of a turnpike from a  
5 connection with the Pennsylvania Turnpike System, at or near  
6 a point west of or east of the City of Pittsburgh as the  
7 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission may decide is most feasible  
8 and practicable, thence in a general southerly direction to  
9 the West Virginia border to connect with the West Virginia  
10 Turnpike, or any extension thereof, at such point as the  
11 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission may decide is the most  
12 feasible and practicable, and conferring powers and imposing  
13 duties on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; authorizing  
14 the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds, notes or other  
15 obligations of the Commonwealth, payable solely from revenues  
16 of the Commission, including tolls, or from such funds as may  
17 be available to the Commission for that purpose, to pay the  
18 cost of the turnpike; providing that no debt of the  
19 Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the  
20 powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of  
21 tolls for the payment of the bonds, notes or other  
22 obligations, and for the cost of maintenance, operation and  
23 repair of the turnpike; making the turnpike bonds, notes or  
24 other obligations exempt from taxation; constituting the same  
25 legal investments in certain instances; requiring suits  
26 against the Commission to be brought in Dauphin County;  
27 prescribing conditions on which the turnpike shall become  
28 free; providing for grade separations, grade changes,  
29 relocations, restoration and vacation of public roads and  
30 State highways affected by the turnpike; providing for the  
31 purchasing or condemnation of land and procedure for  
32 determining damages in condemnation; granting certain powers  
33 and authority to municipal subdivisions and agencies of the  
34 Commonwealth to cooperate with the Commission; and  
35 authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue refunding

1 bonds," changing the route of the turnpike.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. The title, section 2 and clause (3) of section 4,  
5 act of June 14, 1955 (P.L.74, No.52), known as the "Pennsylvania  
6 Turnpike Southwestern Extension Act," are amended to read:

7 AN ACT

8 To facilitate vehicular traffic in the southwestern section of  
9 the Commonwealth by providing for the construction, operation  
10 and maintenance of a turnpike from a connection with the  
11 Pennsylvania Turnpike System, at or near [a point west of or  
12 east of the City of Pittsburgh] Interchange No.2 as the  
13 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission may decide is most feasible  
14 and practicable, thence in a general southerly direction to  
15 [the West Virginia border to connect with the West Virginia  
16 Turnpike, or any extension thereof] Interstate Route 79, at  
17 such point as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission may decide  
18 is the most feasible and practicable, and conferring powers  
19 and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission;  
20 authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds, notes or  
21 other obligations of the Commonwealth, payable solely from  
22 revenues of the Commission, including tolls, or from such  
23 funds as may be available to the Commission for that purpose,  
24 to pay the cost of the turnpike; providing that no debt of  
25 the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of  
26 the powers granted by this act; providing for the collection  
27 of tolls for the payment of the bonds, notes or other  
28 obligations, and for the cost of maintenance, operation and  
29 repair of the turnpike; making the turnpike bonds, notes or  
30 other obligations exempt from taxation; constituting the same

1 legal investments in certain instances; requiring suits  
2 against the Commission to be brought in Dauphin County;  
3 prescribing conditions on which the turnpike shall become  
4 free; providing for grade separations, grade changes,  
5 relocations, restoration and vacation of public roads and  
6 State highways affected by the turnpike; providing for the  
7 purchasing or condemnation of land and procedure for  
8 determining damages in condemnation; granting certain powers  
9 and authority to municipal subdivisions and agencies of the  
10 Commonwealth to cooperate with the Commission; and  
11 authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue refunding  
12 bonds."

13 Section 2. In order to facilitate vehicular traffic in the  
14 southwestern section of the Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania  
15 Turnpike Commission heretofore created by virtue of the  
16 provisions of the act of May twenty-one, one thousand nine  
17 hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 774), and the supplements  
18 and amendments thereto, is hereby authorized and empowered to  
19 construct, operate and maintain a turnpike, at such location as  
20 shall be approved by the Governor and the Department of  
21 [Highways] Transportation, from a connection with the  
22 Pennsylvania Turnpike System, at or near [a point west of or  
23 east of the City of Pittsburgh] Interchange No.2 as the  
24 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission may decide is most feasible and  
25 practicable, thence in a general southerly direction to [the  
26 West Virginia border to connect with the West Virginia Turnpike,  
27 or any extension thereof] Interstate Route 79, at such point as  
28 the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission may decide is the most  
29 feasible and practicable, together with connecting roads,  
30 tunnels and bridges using the existing Pennsylvania Route 60 so

1 far as possible; and to issue turnpike revenue bonds of the  
2 Commonwealth, notes or other obligations, payable solely from  
3 revenues of the Commission, including tolls, or from such funds  
4 as may be available to the Commission for that purpose, to pay  
5 the costs of such construction.

6 Section 4. The following words and terms shall have the  
7 following meanings:

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9 (3) The words "the turnpike" shall mean the turnpike to be  
10 constructed, as hereinafter provided, from a connection with the  
11 Pennsylvania Turnpike System [from a point west of or east of  
12 the City of Pittsburgh] at or near Interchange No.2 as the  
13 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission may decide is most feasible and  
14 practicable, then in a general southerly direction to [the West  
15 Virginia border to connect with the West Virginia Turnpike, or  
16 any extension thereof] Interstate Route 79, at such point as the  
17 Commission may decide is the most feasible and practicable for  
18 the further extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike System, and  
19 may be constructed as a whole at one time or in sections from  
20 time to time, as the Commission shall determine and may use the  
21 existing Pennsylvania Route 60 so far as possible, and shall be  
22 deemed to include not only the turnpike and all connecting  
23 roads, tunnels and bridges connected therewith, but also all  
24 property, rights, easements and franchises relating thereto and  
25 deemed necessary or convenient for the construction or the  
26 operation thereof.

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28 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.