

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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BILLOW, TELEK, E. Z. TAYLOR AND RICHARDSON, APRIL 17, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 17, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774, No.211), entitled "An
2 act to facilitate vehicular traffic between the eastern and
3 western sections of the Commonwealth by providing for the
4 construction, operation and maintenance of a turnpike from a
5 point at or near Middlesex in Cumberland County to a point at
6 or near Irwin in Westmoreland County; providing for the
7 creation of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, and
8 conferring powers and imposing duties on said commission;
9 authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds of the
10 Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to pay the cost of
11 such turnpike; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth
12 shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers
13 granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls
14 for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of
15 maintenance, operation and repair of the turnpike; making
16 such bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds
17 legal investments in certain instances; prescribing
18 conditions upon which such turnpike shall become free;
19 providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and
20 authority to municipal subdivisions and agencies of the
21 Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; and
22 authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue refunding
23 bonds," further providing for access and egress by emergency
24 vehicles.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. Section 5.3 of the act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774,
28 No.211), referred to as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

1 Act, added December 16, 1981 (P.L.427, No.133), is amended to
2 read:

3 Section 5.3. Emergency vehicles while on an emergency call
4 and while displaying audible and visual signals as required by
5 75 Pa.C.S. § 4571 (relating to visual and audible signals on
6 emergency vehicles), or when returning from an emergency call,
7 shall be granted immediate entrance to and exit from, without
8 the payment or assessment of any toll or charge, any turnpike or
9 highway under the supervision and control of the commission, and
10 no such emergency vehicle shall be required to stop at a toll
11 booth or for any other reason except on order of a member of the
12 Pennsylvania State Police for a legitimate law enforcement
13 function. The commission shall notify all employees of the
14 commission who are assigned duties of toll booths of the
15 provisions of this section.

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