

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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G. WRIGHT, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZUG, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

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 emergency vehicles.

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

26 Section 1. Section 5.3 of the act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774,

1 No.211), referred to as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
2 Act, added December 16, 1981 (P.L.427, No.133), is amended to
3 read:

4 Section 5.3. Emergency vehicles [while on an emergency call
5 and while displaying audible and visual signals as required by
6 75 Pa.C.S. § 4571 (relating to visual and audible signals on
7 emergency vehicles),] as defined under 75 Pa.C.S. § 102
8 (relating to definitions) and Pennsylvania National Guard
9 vehicles shall be granted immediate entrance to and exit from
10 any turnpike or highway under the supervision and control of the
11 commission, and no such emergency vehicle or Pennsylvania
12 National Guard vehicle shall be required to stop at a toll booth
13 or for any other reason except on order of a member of the
14 Pennsylvania State Police for a legitimate law enforcement
15 function. The commission shall notify all employees of the
16 commission who are assigned duties of toll booths of the
17 provisions of this section.

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