THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1717 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY BLOOM, PICKETT, TRUITT, BOBACK, MILNE, REGAN, SANKEY, GINGRICH, KNOWLES, SWANGER, COX, DENLINGER, CUTLER, GILLEN, CLYMER, METCALFE, GABLER, KAUFFMAN, GILLESPIE, MCGINNIS, RAPP, EVANKOVICH, SACCONE, ROAE, TALLMAN, REESE, KRIEGER AND OBERLANDER, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

AN ACT

- Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for emergency bridge repair.
- 3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 4 hereby enacts as follows:
- 5 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 6 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 7 § 9103.1. Emergency bridge repair.
- 8 (a) Emergency repair. -- If a bridge is structurally deficient
- 9 <u>and requires a restrictive weight limit or a closure under 67</u>
- 10 Pa. Code § 212.117(a) (relating to weight, size and load
- 11 restrictions), the department shall repair or replace the bridge
- 12 so that it can be returned to unrestricted use in the shortest
- 13 possible time frame.
- 14 (b) Acceleration of projects. -- All repairs and replacements
- 15 made under this section shall be the top priority of the
- 16 <u>department over all other department projects not related to</u>

- 1 <u>bridge safety</u>.
- 2 (c) Allocation of funds. -- The department shall divert all
- 3 <u>funds not related to bridge safety immediately to bridge repairs</u>
- 4 and replacements made under this section for as long as there
- 5 are any emergency repairs required under subsection (a).
- 6 (d) Applicability. -- This section shall apply to all
- 7 <u>structurally deficient bridges identified before, after and on</u>
- 8 the effective date of this section.
- 9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.