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WILT, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, NOVEMBER 13, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 13, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 30, 1985 (P.L.240, No.61),  
2 entitled "An act to facilitate vehicular traffic within and  
3 across the Commonwealth by providing for the construction,  
4 reconstruction, improvement, operation and maintenance of  
5 toll roads and the conversion of existing toll-free roads to  
6 toll roads in Pennsylvania; conferring powers and imposing  
7 duties on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; providing for  
8 membership on the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission;  
9 authorizing issuance of turnpike revenue bonds, notes or  
10 other obligations of the commission, payable solely from  
11 revenues of the commission, including tolls, or from such  
12 other funds as may be available to the commission for that  
13 purpose, to pay the costs of such toll roads including the  
14 acquisition and other costs of toll-free roads and for  
15 refunding purposes; providing that no debt of the  
16 Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the  
17 powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of  
18 tolls for the payment of such bonds, notes or other  
19 obligations, and for the cost of maintenance, operation and  
20 repair of the toll roads including toll-free roads converted  
21 to toll roads; making such turnpike revenue bonds, notes or  
22 other obligations exempt from taxation; constituting the same  
23 legal investments in certain instances; requiring suits  
24 against the commission to be brought in the courts in which  
25 such actions may be brought against the Commonwealth;  
26 prescribing conditions on which toll roads shall be turned  
27 over to the Department of Transportation; providing for grade  
28 separations, grade changes, relocations, restorations and  
29 vacations of public roads and State highways affected by the

1 toll roads; providing for the purchasing or condemnation of  
2 land and procedure for determining damages in condemnation;  
3 granting certain powers and authority to municipalities and  
4 agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the  
5 commission; conferring powers and imposing duties on the  
6 Department of Transportation; authorizing the Secretary of  
7 Transportation to enter into negotiations with the United  
8 States Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway  
9 Administration or any other Federal agency regarding the  
10 conversion of toll-free highways constructed in the  
11 Commonwealth using Federal funds to toll roads; and  
12 authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to enter into  
13 agreements on behalf of the Commonwealth and the commission  
14 with the United States Department of Transportation, the  
15 Federal Highway Administration or any other Federal agency  
16 with respect to obtaining Federal funds for resurfacing,  
17 restoring, rehabilitating or reconstructing toll roads in  
18 Pennsylvania," further providing for collection and  
19 disposition of tolls and other revenue.

20 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
21 hereby enacts as follows:

22 Section 1. Section 16 of the act of September 30, 1985  
23 (P.L.240, No.61), known as the Turnpike Organization, Extension  
24 and Toll Road Conversion Act, is amended by adding a subsection  
25 to read:

26 Section 16. Collection and disposition of tolls and other  
27 revenue.

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29 (a.1) Restrictions on tolls.--Tolls for motorcycles, as  
30 defined by 75 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions), shall be  
31 limited to no more than one-half of the lowest rate tolls for  
32 passenger cars, as defined by 75 Pa.C.S. § 102.

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