

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 665

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INTRODUCED BY IRVIS, CAPUTO, RHODES, TRELLO, FISHER, POTT,  
GOEBEL, ZORD, ABRAHAM, MISCEVICH, GAMBLE, M. M. MULLEN AND  
ITKIN, MARCH 21, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 21, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.27, No.7), entitled  
2 "An act promoting the welfare of the people of the  
3 Commonwealth; creating The Pennsylvania Transportation  
4 Assistance Authority as a body corporate and politic with  
5 power to acquire, construct, improve, equip and lease  
6 transportation assistance projects, and to fix the rentals,  
7 fees and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and  
8 regulating the issuance of bonds by the authority and  
9 providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of  
10 the holders thereof; authorizing the authority to enter into  
11 agreements, including agreements for the joint ownership of  
12 transportation assistance projects, with the government of  
13 the United States, any Federal agency, any political  
14 subdivision of the Commonwealth, any other authority  
15 organized by any thereof, any transportation company, or with  
16 any combination of the foregoing; granting to the authority  
17 the right of eminent domain; authorizing the Department of  
18 Commerce and the Department of Community Affairs to lease  
19 transportation assistance projects from the authority and to  
20 cooperate with local bodies; authorizing gifts to the  
21 authority by political subdivisions and corporations;  
22 empowering the authority to sell and convey transportation  
23 assistance projects and providing that no debt of the  
24 Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the  
25 powers granted by this act," providing for a definition of  
26 public highway.

27 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
28 hereby enacts as follows:

29 Section 1. Section 2, act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.27,

1 No.7), known as "The Pennsylvania Transportation Assistance  
2 Authority Act of 1967," is amended by adding a clause to read:

3 Section 2. Definitions.--The following terms, whenever  
4 referred to or used in this act, shall have the following  
5 meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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7 (13) "Public highway" shall mean every way or place, of  
8 whatever nature, open to the use of the public as a matter of  
9 right, for purposes of vehicular travel. The term "public  
10 highway" shall not be deemed to include a bridge located wholly  
11 within this Commonwealth which is open to the use of the public  
12 for the purpose of vehicular traffic but which on the effective  
13 date of this act is owned and maintained by a mass  
14 transportation or port authority and which comprises a part of  
15 the transportation system of the mass transportation or port  
16 authority.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall  
18 be retroactive to January 22, 1968.