

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 114

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, APRIL 8, 1981

## 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," providing for a panel of review, monitor and aid in  
24 improving ambulance service available to travelers of the  
25 Pennsylvania Turnpike AND FOR ACCESS AND EXIT BY EMERGENCY  
26 VEHICLES. <—

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

29 Section 1. The act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774, No.211),

1 referred to as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Act, is  
2 amended by adding ~~a section~~ SECTIONS to read:

3 Section 5.2. (a) The commission, in consultation with the  
4 Department of Health, shall establish a panel whose composition  
5 and size shall be determined by the commission.

6 (b) The panel shall review and monitor ambulance service  
7 available to travelers of the turnpike and advise the commission  
8 as to the following objectives:

9 (1) Achieving the capability of approximately ten-minute  
10 maximum response time by ambulance service to every location on  
11 the turnpike under ordinary driving conditions.

12 (2) Assuring that every ambulance responding to an emergency  
13 incident on the turnpike is staffed by at least one emergency  
14 medical technician.

15 (3) Assuring that every ambulance responding to an emergency  
16 incident on the turnpike complies with Federal Specification No.  
17 KKK-A-1822 as amended and updated.

18 (4) Assuring that every ambulance responding to an emergency  
19 incident on the turnpike carries the minimum essential equipment  
20 for ambulances recommended by the American College of Surgeons,  
21 Department of Transportation and Department of Health and light  
22 rescue extrication equipment recommended by the Department of  
23 Health.

24 (c) The panel may accomplish the objectives set forth in  
25 subsection (b) by reviewing the ambulance services provided by  
26 the commission, or that available from professional and  
27 volunteer service in areas adjacent to the turnpike.

28 (d) The panel may establish reasonable trial periods to  
29 evaluate and compare potential services in particular areas of  
30 the turnpike. The panel may implement off-pike services to

1 completely replace existing commission services, as such off-  
2 pike services, in the panel's determination, meet the above  
3 objectives.

4 (e) The panel may remain convened to evaluate the changing  
5 availability and quality of service.

6 ~~(f) The panel may assure that emergency~~ SECTION 5.3. <—  
7 EMERGENCY vehicles while on an emergency call and while  
8 displaying audible and visual signals as required by 75 Pa.C.S.  
9 § 4571 (relating to visual and audible signals on emergency  
10 vehicles), shall be granted immediate entrance to and exit from  
11 any turnpike or highway under the supervision and control of the  
12 commission, and that no such emergency vehicle shall be required <—  
13 to stop at a toll booth or for any other reason except on order  
14 of a member of the Pennsylvania State Police for a legitimate  
15 law enforcement function. THE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY ALL <—  
16 EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION WHO ARE ASSIGNED DUTIES OF TOLL  
17 BOOTHES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

18 Section 2. Nothing herein shall supersede, waive, exempt or  
19 supplement the provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8332 (relating to  
20 nonmedical good samaritan civil immunity). The immunity from  
21 liability provided by said section 8332 shall continue to apply  
22 during and following any action taken by the panel.

23 Section 3. The panel shall implement the objectives set  
24 forth in section 5.2 (b)(2), (3) and (4) of the act within one  
25 year from the effective date of this act.

26 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.