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SENATOR CORMAN, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
JUNE 24, 1985

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated~~ <—
2 ~~Statutes, further defining the term "articulated bus."~~
3 AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF DEBT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING <—
4 THE FEDERAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 ~~Section 1. The definition of "articulated bus" in section~~ <—
8 ~~102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is~~
9 ~~amended to read:~~

10 ~~§ 102. Definitions.~~

11 ~~Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent~~
12 ~~provisions of this title which are applicable to specific~~
13 ~~provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when~~
14 ~~used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly~~
15 ~~indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:~~

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17 ~~"Articulated bus." A bus [designed to transport passengers~~

~~and on which passengers are authorized to be transported,]~~
~~consisting of two or more units or sections permanently~~
~~assembled in tandem by flexible connections which permit~~
~~passenger movement throughout the length of the bus. The term~~
~~also includes a bus consisting of a truck tractor and a~~
~~semitrailer designed for passenger convenience, AS LONG AS ANY~~ <—
~~SUCH VEHICLE MEETS ALL APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND STATE SAFETY~~
~~STANDARDS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH, BY REGULATION, SAFETY~~
~~STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SUCH VEHICLE.~~

~~Section 2. Section 1504(d)(2) of Title 75 is amended to~~
~~read:~~

~~§ 1504. Classes of licenses.~~

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~~(d) Number and description of classes. Licenses issued by~~
~~the department shall be classified in the following manner:~~

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~~(2) Class 2. A Class 2 license shall be issued to those~~
~~persons over 18 years of age who have demonstrated their~~
~~qualifications to operate a single vehicle of over 30,000~~
~~pounds registered gross weight or any bus except an~~
~~articulated bus consisting of a truck tractor and a~~
~~semitrailer design, the driver of which shall have a Class 3~~
~~license, or any such vehicle towing a trailer not in excess~~
~~of 10,000 pounds gross weight. The holder of a Class 2~~
~~license shall be deemed qualified to operate those vehicles~~
~~for which a Class 1 license is issued, but not school buses~~
~~or motorcycles unless the license is endorsed as provided in~~
~~this section.~~

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~~Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

1 SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW FUNDS FOR INTERSTATE HIGHWAY <—
2 SYSTEM.

3 (A) DEBT AUTHORIZATION.--THE GOVERNOR, AUDITOR GENERAL AND
4 STATE TREASURER ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO BORROW
5 FROM TIME TO TIME, IN ADDITION TO ANY AUTHORIZATION HERETOFORE
6 OR HEREAFTER ENACTED, ON THE CREDIT OF THE COMMONWEALTH, MONEY
7 NOT EXCEEDING IN THE AGGREGATE THE SUM OF \$29,500,000, AS MAY BE
8 FOUND NECESSARY TO FINANCE THE FEDERAL SHARE OF CONSTRUCTION OF
9 INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM PROJECTS AS SPECIFICALLY ITEMIZED IN A
10 CAPITAL BUDGET. NOTES OR REPLACEMENT NOTES SHALL BE EVIDENCED BY
11 ONE OR MORE SERIES OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND MAY
12 NOT EXCEED FOUR YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE OBLIGATION FIRST
13 ISSUED TO EVIDENCE THE DEBT.

14 (B) APPROPRIATION.--THE NET PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF THE
15 OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (A) ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED
16 FROM THE CAPITAL FACILITIES FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 TRANSPORTATION TO BE USED BY IT EXCLUSIVELY TO DEFRAY THE
18 FEDERAL SHARE OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY
19 SYSTEM PROJECTS AS SPECIFICALLY ITEMIZED IN A CAPITAL BUDGET.
20 AFTER RESERVING OR PAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE SALE OF THE
21 OBLIGATIONS, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL PAY OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT
22 OF TRANSPORTATION THE MONEYS AS REQUIRED AND CERTIFIED BY IT TO
23 BE LEGALLY DUE AND PAYABLE.

24 (C) FEDERAL FUNDING.--THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL
25 CERTIFY THAT THE PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER 23
26 U.S.C. § 115(6) (RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION BY STATES IN ADVANCE
27 OF APPORTIONMENT). ANY SUCH FEDERAL FUNDS OBTAINED ARE HEREBY
28 APPROPRIATED EXCLUSIVELY TO REPAY THE COSTS INCURRED IN
29 BORROWING THE FEDERAL SHARE OF THE PROJECTS.

30 (D) AUTHORITY TO INCUR DEBT.--IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY

1 GRANTED IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET ACT OF 1985-1986, AND SUBJECT TO
2 THE PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS OF ARTICLE XVI-B OF THE ACT OF
3 APRIL 9, 1929 (P.L.343, NO.176), KNOWN AS THE FISCAL CODE, THE
4 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL DEBT TO BE INCURRED DURING THE
5 1985-1986 FISCAL YEAR IN THE CATEGORY OF HIGHWAY PROJECTS FOR
6 CAPITAL PROJECTS SPECIFICALLY ITEMIZED IN A CAPITAL BUDGET
7 PURSUANT TO SECTION 7(A)(4) OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE CONSTITUTION
8 OF PENNSYLVANIA AND TO BE REPAID FROM THE MOTOR LICENSE FUND
9 SHOULD BE \$29,500,000.

10 (E) APPROPRIATION FROM THE MOTOR LICENSE FUND.--FUNDS ARE
11 HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM THE MOTOR LICENSE FUND TO MEET THE
12 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT. THE GOVERNOR SHALL ISSUE EXECUTIVE
13 AUTHORIZATIONS AS REQUIRED TO PAY PROJECT, PRINCIPAL AND
14 INTEREST COSTS.

15 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.