

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 729 Session of
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WOGAN AND KASUNIC, MARCH 13, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 13, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42, No.8), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act empowering and authorizing the Department
3 of Transportation to establish and administer certain grant
4 programs for the betterment of mass transportation systems
5 and facilities throughout the Commonwealth; providing for
6 State grants to transportation companies, municipalities,
7 counties, or their instrumentalities and to agencies and
8 instrumentalities of the Commonwealth for studies, research,
9 demonstration programs, promotion programs, purchase of
10 service projects, and capital improvement projects under
11 certain conditions; authorizing grants by counties or
12 municipalities in metropolitan areas to local transportation
13 organizations, authorizing the creation of a transportation
14 authority to function in each metropolitan area consisting of
15 any county of the first class and all nearby counties within
16 a radius of twenty miles of any such first class county, as a
17 body corporate and politic for the purpose of establishing an
18 integrated mass transportation system with all pertinent
19 powers including, but not limited to, leasing, acquiring,
20 owning, operating and maintaining a system for, or otherwise
21 providing for, the transportation of persons, authorizing the
22 borrowing of money and issuance of bonds therefor, conferring
23 the right of eminent domain on the authority; altering the
24 jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission, authorizing
25 the acceptance of grants from Federal, State and local
26 governments, limiting actions against the authority and
27 exempting it from taxation, authorizing counties and
28 municipalities to enter into compacts for the financing of

1 each authority and to make appropriations in accordance with
2 such compacts, creating a citizen advisory committee,
3 conferring exclusive jurisdiction upon certain courts with
4 respect to matters relating to such authority, empowering
5 each authority to function outside of the metropolitan area
6 under certain terms and conditions," further providing for
7 authorized programs.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 203 of the act of January 22, 1968
11 (P.L.42, No.8), known as the Pennsylvania Urban Mass
12 Transportation Law, is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

13 Section 203. Program Authorizations.--The department is
14 hereby authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided
15 and is required where the provisions of section 204 apply:

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17 (7) To make grants to transportation companies, county
18 transportation systems and local transportation organizations to
19 pay estimated transit losses resulting from providing free,
20 unlimited and daily intra-county and inter-county special
21 service, consisting of wheelchair accessible, lift-equipped vans
22 with lock-down devices, to persons with disabilities.

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