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JUNE 6, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 6, 1989

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  
30 toll roads; providing for the purchasing or condemnation of  
31 land and procedure for determining damages in condemnation;

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

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
19 hereby enacts as follows:

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

23 Section 16.1. Decals or stickers evidencing prepayment of  
24 tolls.

25 The commission shall, on a monthly basis, make available for  
26 purchase by persons who regularly travel the same route on the  
27 turnpike, a decal or sticker evidencing prepayment of the  
28 appropriate tolls. The commission shall set aside a lane or  
29 lanes at exchanges of the turnpike to provide for the  
30 expeditious exit of vehicles displaying the decal or sticker.

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