

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SONNEY, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD,  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

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," further providing for access and egress by emergency  
24 vehicles.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. Section 5.3 of the act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774,

1 No.211), referred to as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission  
2 Act, added December 16, 1981 (P.L.427, No.133), is amended to  
3 read:

4 Section 5.3. Emergency vehicles while on an emergency call  
5 and while displaying audible and visual signals as required by  
6 75 Pa.C.S. § 4571 (relating to visual and audible signals on  
7 emergency vehicles), shall be granted immediate entrance to and  
8 exit from any turnpike or highway under the supervision and  
9 control of the commission, and no such emergency vehicle shall  
10 be required to stop at a toll booth or for any other reason  
11 except on order of a member of the Pennsylvania State Police for  
12 a legitimate law enforcement function. The commission may not  
13 charge or collect any toll for the use, by an emergency vehicle  
14 owned by a municipality, municipal authority or nonprofit  
15 organization, of any turnpike or highway under the supervision  
16 and control of the commission. The commission shall notify all  
17 employees of the commission who are assigned duties of toll  
18 booths of the provisions of this section.

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