THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1481   Session of 1978

INTRODUCED BY LYNCH, MURRAY, MESSINGER AND SMITH, MAY 31, 1978

SENATOR LYNCH, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, JUNE 6, 1978

AN ACT

1   Amending the act of September 8, 1959 (P.L.828, No.322),
2   entitled "An act authorizing the Pennsylvania Turnpike
3   Commission to construct tunnels or additional lanes on the
4   turnpike between the Irwin and Middlesex interchanges,"
5   further providing for the financing and construction of
6   certain additional projects on the Pennsylvania Turnpike
7   System as heretofore authorized.

8   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

9   hereby enacts as follows:

10   Section 1. The title and sections 1 and 2, act of September

11   8, 1959 (P.L.828, No.322), entitled "An act authorizing the

12   Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to construct tunnels or

13   additional lanes on the turnpike between the Irwin and Middlesex

14   interchanges," are amended and sections are added to read:

15   AN ACT

16   Authorizing the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to [construct

17   tunnels or additional lanes on the turnpike between the Irwin

18   and Middlesex interchanges] finance and construct certain

19   additional projects on the Pennsylvania Turnpike System as

20   heretofore authorized.

21   Section 1. [The Pennsylvania Turnpike, because of

1 bottlenecks resulting from two lane traffic in its tunnels, does

2 not meet with the standards of the Federal government and is not

3 acceptable as a highway on the National System of Interstate and

4 Defense Highways.] The health, safety and welfare of the

5 citizens of Pennsylvania would be promoted[, both in peace time

6 and in emergencies, if the turnpike between the Irwin and

7 Middlesex interchanges could accommodate four lane traffic] by

8 the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission undertaking projects from

9 time to time designed to, among other things, improve the safety <—

10 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike System and provide better and more

11 efficient service for its users.

12   Section 2. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is hereby

13 authorized and empowered at any time and from time to time, to

14 construct [and maintain and repair], improve and reconstruct, as

15 projects, on any part of the Pennsylvania Turnpike System now or <—

16 hereafter open to vehicular traffic, improvements, betterments,

17 extraordinary maintenance and repairs, including, but not <—

18 limited to, toll plazas, interchanges, bridges, connecting <—

19 roads, transit interface facilities, additional tunnels [or] and

20 lanes [on the Pennsylvania Turnpike between the Irwin and

21 Middlesex interchanges so as to enable that portion of the

22 turnpike to accommodate four lane traffic] and other projects

23 (if such other projects could have been included in the original

24 construction of the section of the Turnpike to which the project

25 is related) deemed necessary or desirable by the commission.

26   Section 3. In carrying out the provisions of this act the

27 commission may exercise all powers conferred upon it by any

28 other laws, including, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY <—

29 AS EVIDENCED BY THE PASSAGE OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, the

30 powers to issue bonds to finance the costs of such projects.

1 Each project authorized hereunder shall be deemed a part of the

2 section of the turnpike to which it is related, and all of the

3 provisions of law authorizing such section shall apply to such

4 projects as if it were originally included in such section.

5   Section 4. This act shall be construed as granting

6 supplemental and additional powers to the commission and shall

7 not be construed as being in derogation of any other powers of

8 the commission granted by any other act; and in the event that

9 any provision of this act shall be in conflict with the

10 provisions of any other act, the provisions of this act shall

11 govern.

12   Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.