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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 976**      Session of  
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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 14, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the implementation and  
3 coordination of advanced multimodal traveler information  
4 through 511 service and other means and for powers and duties  
5 of the Department of Transportation.

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

8 Section 1. Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
9 Statutes is amended by adding a part to read:

10 PART V

11 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12 Chapter

13 91. Intelligent Transportation Systems

14 CHAPTER 91

15 INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

16 Sec.

17 9101. Definitions.

18 9102. Department role and responsibilities.

19 § 9101. Definitions.

1       The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
2 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

4       "511" or "511 service." Three-digit telecommunications  
5 dialing to access an intelligent transportation system traveler  
6 information service provided in this Commonwealth in accordance  
7 with the Federal Communications Commission and the United States  
8 Department of Transportation.

9       "Department." The Department of Transportation of the  
10 Commonwealth.

11       "Local authorities." County, municipal and other local  
12 boards or bodies having authority to enact laws relating to  
13 traffic.

14       "Local transportation organization." Any political  
15 subdivision or any mass transportation, port, redevelopment or  
16 airport authority now or hereafter organized under the laws of  
17 this Commonwealth or pursuant to an interstate compact or  
18 otherwise empowered to render, contract for the rendering or  
19 assist in the rendering of transportation service in a limited  
20 area in this Commonwealth, even though it may also render or  
21 assist in rendering transportation service in adjacent states,  
22 or any nonprofit association of public transportation providers  
23 within this Commonwealth.

24       "Transit entity." A local transportation organization or  
25 transportation company.

26       "Transportation company." Any person, firm or corporation  
27 rendering public passenger or public passenger and rail  
28 transportation service, with or without the rendering of other  
29 service, in this Commonwealth pursuant to common carrier  
30 authorization from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or

1 the Interstate Commerce Commission.

2 § 9102. Department role and responsibilities.

3 (a) Role.--The department is designated the lead agency for  
4 implementing 511 service and is the point of contact for  
5 coordinating 511 service with telecommunications service  
6 providers.

7 (b) Responsibilities.--The department shall:

8 (1) Implement and administer 511 service in this  
9 Commonwealth.

10 (2) Coordinate with the Pennsylvania Turnpike  
11 Commission, local authorities and transit entities to provide  
12 advanced multimodal traveler information through 511 service  
13 and other means.

14 (3) Enter into agreements or contracts with the  
15 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, local authorities and  
16 transit entities to share the costs of implementing and  
17 administering 511 service in this Commonwealth.

18 (4) Enter into other agreements or contracts relating to  
19 511 service to offset the costs of implementing and  
20 administering 511 service in this Commonwealth.

21 (5) Promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to  
22 implement this chapter.

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