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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 21, 2011

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the authority of  
3 the department; and providing for logging of certain aircraft  
4 flights.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 5301(b) and 5302 of Title 74 of the  
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 5301. Authority of department.

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11 (b) Specific powers.--The department is authorized to:

12 (1) Provide for the examination, rating and licensing of  
13 airports.

14 (2) Operate and maintain airports which are owned or  
15 leased by the Commonwealth and encourage and assist in the  
16 establishment and construction of other airports.

17 (3) Expend moneys appropriated to it for the purposes of  
18 the administration of this part, including proceeds from

1 aviation fuel excise taxes and fines arising from violations  
2 of Chapter 57 (relating to obstructions to aircraft  
3 operation) from time to time in the Aviation Restricted  
4 Account.

5 (4) Accept and expend money, property or other things of  
6 value received from the Federal Government or from any other  
7 source for the making of surveys and plans and the purchase  
8 of lands for and the construction of airports.

9 (5) Expend Commonwealth funds for search and rescue  
10 operations and organ transport by the civil air patrol, and  
11 educational materials and equipment related thereto.

12 (6) Encourage and assist in the establishment and  
13 construction of airports.

14 (7) Provide for the licensing of commercial operators.  
15 If the department should fail to exercise this power, or if  
16 it should discontinue its use, it shall publish notice  
17 thereof in the Pennsylvania Bulletin at least 60 days prior  
18 to its discontinuance.

19 (8) Provide for education and training in crash fire  
20 rescue operations.

21 (9) Provide for placement of appropriate runway  
22 markings, hazard markings and highway directional signing.

23 (10) Oversee flight operations of all aircraft purchased  
24 or leased and maintained by it for use by Commonwealth  
25 agencies and the General Assembly. Such oversight shall  
26 require the submission of preflight documentation to the  
27 department prior to the approval of a flight request.

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29 § 5302. Aircraft for official use.

30 (a) General rule.--The department may purchase or lease and

1 maintain aircraft required for the proper conduct of the  
2 business of the Commonwealth agencies and the General Assembly.  
3 The total cost, including all ordinary and necessary expenses  
4 for the use of such aircraft, shall be charged by the department  
5 to the using agency or the General Assembly. The amount of such  
6 charge shall be paid into the Aviation Restricted Account and be  
7 credited to the amounts appropriated therefrom for the use of  
8 the department. All amounts so credited are hereby appropriated  
9 to the department for the same purposes as other appropriations  
10 out of the Aviation Restricted Account for the use of the  
11 department.

12 (b) Flight log required.--The department shall establish and  
13 maintain a log of executive and passenger flights using aircraft  
14 authorized under this section. This log shall be publicly  
15 accessible on the department's Internet website and shall be  
16 updated monthly. At minimum, the information made available on  
17 the department's Internet website shall include:

18 (1) Flight date.

19 (2) Flight identification number.

20 (3) Agency name.

21 (4) Aircraft.

22 (5) Originating city.

23 (6) Departure time.

24 (7) Destination city. If a flight includes more than one  
25 destination city, all destination cities shall be identified  
26 for such a flight.

27 (8) Arrival time at and departure time from destination  
28 city.

29 (9) All passengers, including first and last names, job  
30 titles, State agency, organization, business or other entity

1 to which the passenger is affiliated or represents.

2 (10) Public purpose of the trip.

3 (11) Total hours.

4 (12) Invoice amount.

5 (c) Manner of posting.--All flight information required by

6 subsection (b) shall be in plain and easily understandable

7 language and posted in a way that allows the public to search

8 the information by the categories enumerated in subsection (b)

9 (1) through (12).

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