

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 891 Session of 2015

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 15, 2015

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 emergency vehicles.

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

26 Section 1. Section 5.3 of the act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774,
 27 No.211), referred to as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

1 Act, added December 16, 1981 (P.L.427, No.133), is amended to
2 read:

3 Section 5.3. (a) The commission may not collect tolls from
4 any of the following:

5 (1) Emergency vehicles while on an emergency call and while
6 displaying audible and visual signals as required by 75 Pa.C.S.
7 § 4571 (relating to visual and audible signals on emergency
8 vehicles)[,]. Such emergency vehicles shall be granted immediate
9 entrance to and exit from any turnpike or highway under the
10 supervision and control of the commission, and no such emergency
11 vehicle shall be required to stop at a toll booth or for any
12 other reason except on order of a member of the Pennsylvania
13 State Police for a legitimate law enforcement function.

14 (2) Emergency vehicles while escorting a firefighter,
15 ambulance service or rescue squad member, law enforcement
16 officer or armed service member killed in the line of duty.

17 (b) The commission shall notify all employes of the
18 commission who are assigned duties of toll booths of the
19 provisions of this section.

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