

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL****No. 891** Session of  
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SENATOR RAFFERTY, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 17, 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:~~ FOLLOWING VEHICLES SHALL BE GRANTED <--  
5 IMMEDIATE ENTRANCE TO AND EXIT FROM ANY TURNPIKE OR HIGHWAY  
6 UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE COMMISSION, AND SHALL  
7 NOT BE REQUIRED TO STOP AT A TOLL BOOTH OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON,  
8 EXCEPT ON ORDER OF A MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE FOR  
9 A LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTION:

10 (1) [Emergency vehicles while on an emergency call and <--  
11 while] AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE displaying audible and visual <--  
12 signals as required by AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH 75 Pa.C.S. § 4571 <--  
13 (relating to visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles)  
14 ~~[,]. Such emergency vehicles~~ shall be granted immediate entrance <--  
15 to and exit from any turnpike or highway under the supervision  
16 and control of the commission, and no such emergency vehicle  
17 shall be required to stop at a toll booth or for any other  
18 reason except on order of a member of the Pennsylvania State  
19 Police for a legitimate law enforcement function]. <--

20 ~~(2) Emergency vehicles while~~ A VEHICLE CARRYING OR escorting <--  
21 a firefighter, ambulance service or rescue squad member, law  
22 enforcement officer or armed service member killed in the line  
23 of duty.

24 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT COLLECT OR ATTEMPT TO COLLECT <--  
25 TOLLS FOR TRAVEL ON ANY PART OF THE TURNPIKE OR HIGHWAY UNDER  
26 ITS SUPERVISION, INCLUDING SLIP RAMPS, FROM AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE  
27 GRANTED IMMEDIATE ACCESS UNDER SUBSECTION (A).

28 ~~(b)~~ (C) The commission shall notify all employes of the <--  
29 commission who are assigned duties of toll booths of the  
30 provisions of this section.

1        (D) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "EMERGENCY VEHICLE"        <--  
2        SHALL BE DEFINED AS PROVIDED IN 75 PA.C.S. § 102 (RELATING TO  
3        DEFINITIONS).

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