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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in turnpike, providing for tunnel
3 maintenance and inspection and further providing for
4 electronic toll collection; and, in Turnpike Commission
5 standards of conduct, further providing for qualifications,
6 restrictions and duties of commission members and employees.

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

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

11 § 8107.1. Tunnel maintenance and inspection.

12 (a) Duties of commission.--The commission shall:

13 (1) On or before December 31, 2017, install video
14 cameras in tunnels that do not have video monitoring
15 capability.

16 (2) On or before December 31, 2017, install fire
17 detection and suppression systems in tunnels that do not have
18 such detection systems.

19 (3) Ensure that each tunnel undergoes a routine
20 inspection biennially in accordance with commission

1 guidelines and Federal Highway Administration regulations.

2 (4) Expand the development and deployment of a tunnel
3 management tracking system so that all tunnel inspection
4 recommendations and their implementation status are available
5 through the database.

6 (b) Tunnel Management Committee.--The commission's chief
7 operating officer shall convene a multidepartmental Tunnel
8 Management Committee, which shall include, at a minimum, the
9 departments of engineering, maintenance, facilities and energy
10 management and traffic engineering and operations for
11 information regarding tunnel inspection and safety issues. The
12 Tunnel Management Committee members shall select a chairperson
13 from among its members who shall serve as the single point of
14 contact for tunnel safety concerns.

15 Section 2. Section 8117 of Title 74 is amended by adding a
16 subsection to read:

17 § 8117. Electronic toll collection.

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19 (d.1) Customer service.--An entity that enters into a
20 contract with the commission to operate or maintain electronic
21 toll collection shall provide telephone access to the entity's
22 customer service center during normal business hours and extend
23 its hours of operation beyond normal business hours at least one
24 day a week.

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26 Section 3. Section 8203(a)(3) of Title 74 is amended and the
27 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

28 § 8203. Qualifications, restrictions and duties of commission
29 members and employees.

30 (a) General rule.--The following qualifications and

restrictions shall apply to members and executive-level employees:

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(3) (i) No member or executive-level employee shall be paid or receive any fee or other compensation other than salary and actual and necessary traveling expenses provided by law and as limited by commission policy for any activity directly pertaining to the duties of the commission. A member may be reimbursed for an expense that exceeds commission limits only upon submission of:

(A) an adequate explanation or justification of the appropriateness of the expense incurred; and

(B) a receipt documenting the expense incurred.

(ii) Any cellular device or other electronic equipment for member use must be purchased through the commission's purchasing office. A member who purchases a cellular device or other electronic equipment is not entitled to reimbursement for the device or equipment.

(iii) The commission shall post on its publicly accessible Internet website monthly reports detailing member expenses.

~~[(ii)]~~ (iv) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a member or executive-level employee from engaging in any employment or vocation that is not incompatible with service as a member or executive-level employee.

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(c) Travel on turnpike.--The following applies to toll-free access to and travel on the turnpike:

(1) The commission may authorize toll-free access to and

1 travel on the turnpike:

2 (i) When access to and travel on the turnpike is
3 required by any of the following who are engaged in
4 employment-related activity and only for the duration of
5 the activity:

6 (A) Commission members and employees.

7 (B) Contractors, subcontractors, consultants and
8 subconsultants of the commission.

9 (C) Concessionaires.

10 (D) Authorized service providers.

11 (E) Emergency service responders.

12 (ii) When access to and travel on the turnpike is
13 required by government agencies and entities that are
14 conducting official commission business and only for the
15 duration of the conduct of the business.

16 (2) Toll-free access to and travel on the turnpike by
17 individuals for personal travel is prohibited.

18 (3) The commission shall:

19 (i) Monitor toll-free access to and travel on the
20 turnpike, including access and travel by persons not
21 employed by the commission, to ensure compliance with any
22 trust indenture.

23 (ii) Ensure its nonrevenue identification cards
24 include a photograph of the individual to whom the card
25 is issued.

26 (iii) Post on its publicly accessible Internet
27 website quarterly usage reports of toll-free turnpike
28 travel, including usage by persons listed under paragraph
29 (1).

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