
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 21, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for conversion of
3 interstates in this Commonwealth to toll roads and for
4 studies on the impact of conversion on associated highways
5 and local roads.

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 chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 85

11 TOLLING OF INTERSTATES

12 Sec.

13 8501. Definitions.

14 8502. Conversion of interstates to toll roads.

15 8503. Impact on associated highways and local roads.

16 § 8501. Definitions.

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

1 "Conversion date." The date when the Department of
2 Transportation intends to convert interstates or portions
3 thereof to toll roads.

4 "Department." The Department of Transportation of the
5 Commonwealth.

6 § 8502. Conversion of interstates to toll roads.

7 In order to facilitate safe and efficient vehicular traffic
8 throughout this Commonwealth the department shall:

9 (1) prepare consulting civil engineer reports and
10 financial analyses with respect to the feasibility of
11 converting interstates in whole or lanes or segments in this
12 Commonwealth to toll roads, adding additional capacity and
13 updating the highways to current interstate standards
14 financed by tolls and public and private investment; and

15 (2) prepare and submit an application to the United
16 States Department of Transportation for the conversion of any
17 interstate in whole or lanes or segments determined to be
18 eligible for conversion to a toll road under any applicable
19 Federal program.

20 § 8503. Impact on associated highways and local roads.

21 Prior to the conversion date and within one year following
22 the conversion date, the department shall conduct traffic
23 studies to determine the average daily traffic on associated
24 roads and highways. The purpose of these studies will be to
25 quantify any diversion of traffic from an interstate to other
26 roadways as a result of the conversion. This section may not
27 require duplication of traffic studies undertaken by the
28 department as a normal course of the department's operations.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.