THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 10

Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA, DISANTO, FLYNN, HUTCHINSON, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, ROBINSON, SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO, STEFANO, J. WARD AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 21, 2022

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 21, 2022

AN ACT

- Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 Statutes, providing for consumer gas prices relief; making
 appropriations; and providing for Commonwealth indebtedness.

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

 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:
- 8 <u>CHAPTER 90A</u>
- 9 CONSUMER GAS PRICES RELIEF
- 10 <u>Sec.</u>
- 11 90A01. Short title of chapter.
- 12 90A02. Definitions.
- 13 90A03. Consumer gas prices relief.
- 14 90A04. Appropriation.
- 15 90A05. Commonwealth indebtedness.
- 16 § 90A01. Short title of chapter.
- 17 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Consumer

- 1 Gas Prices Relief Act.
- 2 § 90A02. Definitions.
- 3 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
- 4 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 5 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 6 "Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act." The act of February
- 7 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt
- 8 Enabling Act.
- 9 <u>"Capital project." A capital project that:</u>
- 10 (1) is specifically itemized in accordance with the
- 11 <u>Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act pursuant to section 7(a)</u>
- 12 (4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania; and
- 13 (2) is an infrastructure project for highway or bridge
- maintenance or construction.
- 15 § 90A03. Consumer gas prices relief.
- 16 (a) Reduction. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
- 17 including Chapter 90 (relating to liquid fuels and fuels tax)
- 18 and Chapter 95 (relating to taxes for highway maintenance and
- 19 construction), the tax imposed under section 9004(b) and (d)
- 20 (relating to imposition of tax, exemptions and deductions) shall
- 21 be reduced by 33 1/3% from the rate of the tax imposed on the
- 22 <u>effective date of this section.</u>
- 23 (b) Applicability.--The reduction under subsection (a) shall
- 24 apply from the effective date of this section until January 1,
- 25 2023.
- 26 § 90A04. Appropriation.
- 27 The amount of \$500,000,000 is appropriated on a continuing
- 28 basis from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account to the
- 29 Pennsylvania State Police for the purpose of Pennsylvania State
- 30 Police operations for fiscal year 2022-2023.

- 1 § 90A05. Commonwealth indebtedness.
- 2 The maximum principal amount of additional debt to be
- 3 incurred under this section shall be \$650,000,000. Debt shall be
- 4 incurred in accordance with the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling
- 5 Act, and the Motor License Fund shall be charged with the
- 6 repayment of the debt. The net proceeds from the sale of
- 7 <u>obligations authorized in this section are appropriated to the</u>
- 8 <u>department to be used exclusively to defray financial costs of</u>
- 9 capital projects during the period under section 90A03(b)
- 10 (relating to consumer gas prices relief). The money necessary to
- 11 pay debt service or to pay arbitrage rebates required under
- 12 section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-
- 13 514, 26 U.S.C. § 148) due on the obligations under this section
- 14 is appropriated to the State Treasurer from the Motor License
- 15 Fund.
- 16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.