

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, COLLETT, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, COSTA,
DILLON, SCHWANK AND YUDICHAK, JUNE 21, 2022

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 21, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for summer gas tax relief; making
3 appropriations; and providing for Commonwealth indebtedness.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 90A

9 SUMMER GAS TAX RELIEF

10 Sec.

11 90A01. Short title of chapter.

12 90A02. Definitions.

13 90A03. Summer gas tax 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 Summer
18 Gas Tax Relief Act.

1 § 90A02. Definitions.

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

5 "Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act." The act of February
6 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt
7 Enabling Act.

8 "Capital project." A capital project that:

- 9 (1) is specifically itemized in accordance with the
10 Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act pursuant to section 7(a)
11 (4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania; and
12 (2) is an infrastructure project for highway or bridge
13 maintenance or construction.

14 § 90A03. Consumer gas prices relief.

15 (a) Reduction.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
16 including Chapter 90 (relating to liquid fuels and fuels tax)
17 and Chapter 95 (relating to taxes for highway maintenance and
18 construction), the tax imposed under section 9004(b) and (d)
19 (relating to imposition of tax, exemptions and deductions) shall
20 be reduced by 100% from the rate of the tax imposed on the
21 effective date of this section.

22 (b) Applicability.--The reduction under subsection (a) shall
23 apply from the effective date of this section until September 5,
24 2022.

25 § 90A04. Appropriation.

26 The amount of \$115,000,000 is appropriated on a continuing
27 basis from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account to the
28 Pennsylvania State Police for the purpose of Pennsylvania State
29 Police operations for fiscal year 2022-2023.

30 § 90A05. Commonwealth indebtedness.

1 The maximum principal amount of additional debt to be
2 incurred under this section shall be \$150,000,000. Debt shall be
3 incurred in accordance with the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling
4 Act, and the Motor License Fund shall be charged with the
5 repayment of the debt. The net proceeds from the sale of
6 obligations authorized in this section are appropriated to the
7 department to be used exclusively to defray financial costs of
8 capital projects during the period under section 90A03(b)
9 (relating to consumer gas prices relief). The money necessary to
10 pay debt service or to pay arbitrage rebates required under
11 section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-
12 514, 26 U.S.C. § 148) due on the obligations under this section
13 is appropriated to the State Treasurer from the Motor License
14 Fund.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022, or
16 immediately, whichever is later.