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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 311 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF AND WASHINGTON, JANUARY 25, 2013

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REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, JANUARY 25, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Establishing a pilot program to provide safe transportation home  
2 to persons suspected of having a prohibited blood alcohol  
3 concentration; and imposing powers and duties on the  
4 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Safe Ride  
9 Home Grant Pilot Program Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Board." The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

15 "Program." The Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program  
16 established by this act.

17 Section 3. Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program.

18 (a) Nature of program.--The board shall establish and  
19 administer the Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program, which is

1 established, beginning in the 2013-2014 fiscal year and  
2 continuing through the 2015-2016 fiscal year to fund local  
3 initiatives aimed at providing alternative means of  
4 transportation to persons suspected of having a prohibited blood  
5 alcohol concentration as set forth in 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802  
6 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled  
7 substance) from any premises licensed by the board to sell  
8 alcoholic beverages to their places of residence. The board may  
9 work in collaboration with private organizations to implement  
10 the program.

11 (b) Awarding of grants.--The board may award grants to any  
12 county, municipality, university or nonprofit corporation. The  
13 board shall set the maximum amount of any grant under this pilot  
14 program and no grant may exceed 50% of the costs necessary to  
15 provide the services.

16 Section 4. Liability.

17 The liability of a provider that operates such local  
18 initiative to persons transported under the program is limited  
19 to the amounts required for a motor vehicle liability insurance  
20 policy under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 17 (relating to financial  
21 responsibility).

22 Section 5. Duties.

23 The board shall:

24 (1) Develop and publicize an application procedure for  
25 those eligible to participate in the pilot program.

26 (2) Monitor and evaluate the program and, upon the  
27 conclusion of the 2014-2015 fiscal year, present a report of  
28 the evaluation to the Law and Justice Committee of the Senate  
29 and the Liquor Control Committee of the House of

30 Representatives and make recommendations on the continuation,

1 alteration or expansion of the program. The final report  
2 shall be made no later than December 1, 2015.

3 Section 6. Funding.

4 The program shall be funded by a \$5 surcharge, which  
5 surcharge shall be levied upon conviction of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802  
6 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled  
7 substance).

8 Section 7. Expiration.

9 This act shall expire July 1, 2016.

10 Section 8. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect immediately.