

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 966 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY TOMLINSON, SCARNATI, RAFFERTY, COSTA, GREENLEAF, SABATINA, FONTANA, HUTCHINSON, RESCHENTHALER, BREWSTER AND WARD, DECEMBER 1, 2017

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, DECEMBER 1, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774, No.211), entitled "An
 2 act to facilitate vehicular traffic between the eastern and
 3 western sections of the Commonwealth by providing for the
 4 construction, operation and maintenance of a turnpike from a
 5 point at or near Middlesex in Cumberland County to a point at
 6 or near Irwin in Westmoreland County; providing for the
 7 creation of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, and
 8 conferring powers and imposing duties on said commission;
 9 authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds of the
 10 Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to pay the cost of
 11 such turnpike; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth
 12 shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers
 13 granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls
 14 for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of
 15 maintenance, operation and repair of the turnpike; making
 16 such bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds
 17 legal investments in certain instances; prescribing
 18 conditions upon which such turnpike shall become free;
 19 providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and
 20 authority to municipal subdivisions and agencies of the
 21 Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; and
 22 authorizing the issuance of turnpike revenue refunding
 23 bonds," providing for reduced toll rates for disabled
 24 veterans.

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

27 Section 1. The act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774, No.211),
 28 referred to as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Act, is

1 amended by adding a section to read:

2 Section 5.4. (a) A disabled veteran shall receive a fifty
3 per centum reduction in the electronic toll rate for the use of
4 the turnpike. To qualify for the reduced toll rate, the disabled
5 veteran must:

6 (1) Be a resident of this Commonwealth.

7 (2) Have a valid electronic transponder issued by the
8 commission.

9 (3) Submit a commission-approved application for approval of
10 the toll reduction.

11 (4) Submit documentation of a disability incurred in any war
12 or armed conflict that consists of the loss of one or more
13 limbs, the loss of the use of one or more limbs or total
14 blindness or is certified by the United States Department of
15 Veterans Affairs as fifty per centum disabled.

16 (5) Sign a statement submitting that the veteran will not be
17 involved in fraudulent activities as defined by the commission.
18 A violation of the statement by the veteran may result in loss
19 of electronic transponder privileges.

20 (b) The commission shall have thirty days from the effective
21 date of this section to publish the application and guidance
22 necessary to implement this section. Following the submission of
23 a completed application, the commission shall have forty-five
24 days to determine the approval of an application.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.