

## No. 1990-19

## AN ACT

## SB 866

Amending the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42, No.8), entitled, as amended, "An act empowering and authorizing the Department of Transportation to establish and administer certain grant programs for the betterment of mass transportation systems and facilities throughout the Commonwealth; providing for State grants to transportation companies, municipalities, counties, or their instrumentalities and to agencies and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth for studies, research, demonstration programs, promotion programs, purchase of service projects, and capital improvement projects under certain conditions; authorizing grants by counties or municipalities in metropolitan areas to local transportation organizations, authorizing the creation of a transportation authority to function in each metropolitan area consisting of any county of the first class and all nearby counties within a radius of twenty miles of any such first class county, as a body corporate and politic for the purpose of establishing an integrated mass transportation system with all pertinent powers including, but not limited to, leasing, acquiring, owning, operating and maintaining a system for, or otherwise providing for, the transportation of persons, authorizing the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds therefor, conferring the right of eminent domain on the authority; altering the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission, authorizing the acceptance of grants from Federal, State and local governments, limiting actions against the authority and exempting it from taxation, authorizing counties and municipalities to enter into compacts for the financing of each authority and to make appropriations in accordance with such compacts, creating a citizen advisory committee, conferring exclusive jurisdiction upon certain courts with respect to matters relating to such authority, empowering each authority to function outside of the metropolitan area under certain terms and conditions," further providing for pooled bus acquisitions.

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

Section 1. Section 203(6) of the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.42, No.8), known as the Pennsylvania Urban Mass Transportation Law, is amended by adding a subparagraph to read:

Section 203. Program Authorizations.—The department is hereby authorized, within the limitations hereinafter provided and is required where the provisions of section 204 apply:

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(6) To participate in a pooled bus acquisition program with transportation companies or local transportation organizations and the Federal Government for the purpose of making buses available to transportation companies or local transportation organizations for use in urban common carrier mass transportation service, in accordance with the following procedures:

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(vii) *At its discretion, the department may organize and fund, with Commonwealth funds, postacquisition studies reasonably related to any pooled bus acquisition made pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, a*

*vehicle inspection study at an appropriate interval or intervals following acquisition in order to monitor the condition of any vehicle purchased pursuant to this section.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of March, A. D. 1990.

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