

No. 1992-109

AN ACT

SB 1324

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, regulating off-road lighting equipment on vehicles; providing for Pennsylvania Turnpike extensions and improvements; and making a repeal.

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

Section 1. Section 4303 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 4303. General lighting requirements.

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(f) Off-road lighting.—Off-road lighting lamps may be mounted on the roof or roll bar of a vehicle and shall be covered with an opaque covering that prohibits any light from being emitted when the vehicle is being operated on a highway or trafficway. Any person who illuminates an off-road lighting lamp while the vehicle is being operated on a highway or a trafficway commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$100.

Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 89
PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE

Subchapter

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- B. Turnpike Extensions and Improvements

SUBCHAPTER A
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Sec.

8901. Definitions.

§ 8901. Definitions.

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

“Commission.” The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

SUBCHAPTER B
TURNPIKE EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Sec.

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§ 8911. Improvement and extension authorizations.

In order to facilitate vehicular traffic within and across this Commonwealth, the commission is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, operate and maintain turnpike extensions and turnpike improvements at such specific locations and according to such schedule as shall be deemed feasible and approved by the commission, together with connecting roads, storm water management systems, tunnels and bridges, subject to the waiver of the Federal toll prohibition provisions where applicable, as follows:

(1) Widen turnpike to six lanes between the Northeast Extension and the Delaware River Interchange.

(2) Construct turnpike interchange with Interstate Route 95 in Bucks County.

(3) Construct turnpike interchange with Interstate Route 476 in Montgomery County.

(4) Construct turnpike interchange with Keyser Avenue in Lackawanna County.

(5) Construct extensions to the existing turnpike from a point westerly of existing Interchange 2 extending northerly to a connection with the existing interchange between U.S. Route 422 and proposed State Route 60 in Lawrence County and extending southerly to a connection with existing State Route 60 in Beaver County at or near State Route 51.

(6) Construct an extension to the turnpike from a point at or near Interchange 8 in Westmoreland County extending northerly to an interchange with State Route 66 northwest of Greensburg and continuing northerly to an interchange with U.S. Route 22 south of Delmont.

(7) Construct an additional Lehigh Tunnel on the Northeast Extension of the turnpike.

(8) Construct a private turnpike interchange directly connected to the New Cumberland Army Depot. The commission may commence construction of the private turnpike interchange notwithstanding the construction schedule established by this section.

(9) Construct an interchange on the Northeast Extension with State Route 903 in Carbon County. The commission may commence construction of this interchange notwithstanding the construction schedule established by this section.

§ 8912. Subsequent extension authorizations.

The commission is also hereby authorized and empowered to construct, operate and maintain further extensions and improvements of the turnpike at such specific locations and according to such schedules as shall be deemed feasible and which shall be approved by the commission, subject to the waiver of the Federal toll prohibition provisions where applicable, as follows:

(1) From an interchange with Interstate Route 70 between existing interchanges at Lover and Speers extending northerly to an interchange

with Interstate Route 376 in Pittsburgh extending northwesterly toward the Midfield Terminal, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Southern Beltway, Extension of the Findlay Connector along Interstate 79 and also extending southerly connecting with the existing interchange between U.S. Route 40 and the Mon Valley Expressway (L.R.1125).

(2) From a point at or near the existing interchange between U.S. Route 40 and the Mon Valley Expressway (L.R.1125) in Fayette County southeasterly along U.S. Route 40 to Uniontown and continuing southerly along Pa. Route 857 to the West Virginia border.

(3) From an interchange with the turnpike at or near Interchange 10 extending northerly generally following and coincident where feasible with existing U.S. Route 219 to an interchange with Interstate Route 80 at or near Interchange 16.

(4) Construction of an interchange for access to the International Distribution Center at the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton International Airport in Luzerne County on the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike System.

(5) From a point at or near Turnpike Interchange 10 southerly generally along U.S. Route 219 to the Maryland border.

(6) From a point at or near Interstate Route 80 Interchange 16 northerly generally along U.S. Route 219 to a connection with the existing U.S. Route 219 Expressway south of Bradford in McKean County.

§ 8913. Additional subsequent extension authorizations.

Upon substantial completion of the turnpike extensions and improvements set forth in sections 8911 (relating to improvement and extension authorizations) and 8912 (relating to subsequent extension authorizations), the commission is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, operate and maintain further extensions and improvements of the turnpike at such specific locations and according to such schedules as shall be deemed feasible and which shall be approved by the commission, subject to the waiver of the Federal toll prohibition provisions where applicable, as follows: construct from a point at or near Interstate Route 80 Interchange 23 at Milesburg southwesterly generally along U.S. Route 220 to a connection with the existing U.S. Route 220 Expressway south of Bald Eagle.

§ 8914. Further subsequent authorizations.

Upon completion of the turnpike extensions and improvements set forth in sections 8911 (relating to improvement and extension authorizations), 8912 (relating to subsequent extension authorizations) and 8913 (relating to additional subsequent extension authorizations), the commission is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, operate and maintain further extensions and improvements of the turnpike at such specific locations and according to such schedules as shall be deemed feasible and which shall be approved by the commission, subject to the waiver of the Federal toll prohibition provisions where applicable, as follows:

(1) From a point at or near the intersection of State Route 65 and Crows Run Road in Beaver County, in a southeasterly direction to a point at or near the Perry Highway Interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

(2) From a point at or near Exit 5 of the turnpike northerly to Brookville, Jefferson County, to a point at the intersection with Interstate Route 80.

(3) From a point at or near the Pennsylvania Turnpike System into various areas of Berks County in order to complete the construction of the inner loop system and outer loop system of highways surrounding the City of Reading and to complete the missing links on Routes 222 to 422 to 1035.

(4) From a point at or near the intersections of Interstate Route 70, Interstate Route 76 and T.R.119 in the Borough of Youngwood, Westmoreland County, in a northerly direction along T.R.119 and T.R.66 to the intersection of T.R.22 with a bypass around the City of Greensburg, Westmoreland County; thence north on T.R.66 to T.R.356; thence north on T.R.356 to the intersection with T.R.28.

(5) From a point at or near the intersection of T.R.66 and T.R.22 in Salem Township, Westmoreland County; thence in a westerly direction paralleling T.R.22 to Exit 6 of Interstate 76.

§ 8915. Conversion to toll roads.

In order to facilitate vehicular traffic within and across this Commonwealth, and after completion of the turnpike extensions and improvements authorized in section 8911 (relating to improvement and extension authorizations), and subject to prior legislative approval by the General Assembly and the United States Congress, the commission is hereby authorized and empowered to convert to toll roads such portions of Pennsylvania's interstate highway system as may be required in order to facilitate the completion of the turnpike extensions and improvements authorized in sections 8912 (relating to subsequent extension authorizations), 8913 (relating to additional subsequent extension authorizations) and 8914 (relating to further subsequent authorizations) and to operate and maintain such converted interstates as toll roads upon the approval by the Congress of the United States of America and the General Assembly of this Commonwealth of legislation expressly permitting the conversion of such interstates to toll roads. Such conversions shall take place at a time and manner set forth in the plan for the conversion prepared by the department. The provisions authorizing the commission to construct, operate and maintain the turnpike routes in sections 8911, 8912 and 8913 shall be subject to:

(1) the prior passage by the Congress of the United States and the General Assembly of this Commonwealth of legislation permitting the conversion of certain interstates to toll roads; or

(2) the availability of such other funds as might become available in amounts that would be sufficient to fund to completion any of the individual turnpike extensions and improvements set forth in sections 8912, 8913 and 8914 so long as no turnpike extension or improvement authorized by section 8914 is undertaken until after all the turnpike extensions authorized by section 8913 are completed and no turnpike extension authorized by section 8913 is undertaken until after all the turnpike extensions and improvements authorized by section 8912 are completed. The commission is authorized to use Federal funds which may be available for toll roads

only pursuant to the approval of the Secretary of Transportation and only pursuant to the authority granted in section 19 of the act of September 30, 1985 (P.L.240, No.61), known as the Turnpike Organization, Extension and Toll Road Conversion Act.

§ 8916. Turnpike system.

The turnpikes and the future toll road conversions authorized by this chapter are hereby or shall be made part of the Pennsylvania Turnpike System, as provided in the act of August 14, 1951 (P.L.1232, No.282), referred to as the Pennsylvania Turnpike System Financing Act.

Section 3. The provisions of 74 Pa.C.S. Ch. 81 are repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 24th day of November, A. D. 1992.

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