

No. 1977-19

AN ACT

SB 145

Amending the act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.27, No.7), entitled "An act promoting the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating The Pennsylvania Transportation Assistance Authority as a body corporate and politic with power to acquire, construct, improve, equip and lease transportation assistance projects, and to fix the rentals, fees and charges for the use thereof; authorizing and regulating the issuance of bonds by the authority and providing for the payment of such bonds, and the rights of the holders thereof; authorizing the authority to enter into agreements, including agreements for the joint ownership of transportation assistance projects, with the government of the United States, any Federal agency, any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, any other authority organized by any thereof, any transportation company, or with any combination of the foregoing; granting to the authority the right of eminent domain; authorizing the Department of Commerce and the Department of Community Affairs to lease transportation assistance projects from the authority and to cooperate with local bodies; authorizing gifts to the authority by political subdivisions and corporations; empowering the authority to sell and convey transportation assistance projects and providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act," authorizing designees for certain members of the authority and further providing for staff of the governing body.

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

Section 1. Section 3, act of January 22, 1968 (P.L.27, No.7), known as "The Pennsylvania Transportation Assistance Authority Act of 1967," is amended to read:

Section 3. Transportation Assistance Authority.—The Governor, the State Treasurer, the Auditor General, the Secretary of Community Affairs, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of **[Property and Supplies] General Services**, the Secretary of **[Highways] Transportation**, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives, and their respective successors in office, are hereby created a body corporate and politic constituting a public corporation and governmental instrumentality by the name of "The Pennsylvania Transportation Assistance Authority." *The President pro tempore of the Senate and minority leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and minority leader of the House of Representatives may designate any member of the Senate or House, respectively, to act in their stead to serve at the discretion of the respective President pro tempore and Speaker of the House of Representatives or minority leaders.* The members of the authority shall be entitled to no compensation for their services as members but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses incurred in the connection with the performance of their duties as members.

Section 2. Subsection (d) of section 9 of the act is amended to read:

Section 9. Governing Body.—* * *

(d) The board shall have full authority to manage the properties, projects and business of the authority and to prescribe, amend and repeal bylaws, rules and regulations governing the manner in which the business of the authority may be conducted and the powers granted to it may be exercised and embodied. The board shall fix and determine the number of officers, agents and employes of the authority and their respective compensation and duties, using the staff of [**The General State Authority**] *the Department of Transportation* for the purpose wherever practicable to do so, and may delegate to one or more of their number as a committee or otherwise or to one or more of said officers, agents or employes, such powers and duties as it may deem proper.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A. D. 1977.

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