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BRINGING BACK PA TURNPIKE WORKERS

PA House Bill 2080 has been Introduced by Representative Manuel Guzman, Jr. This legislation will bring back in-person toll collection during peak hours at all tolling facilities along the Turnpike. This policy will bring back a number of the jobs that were lost at the PTC during the COVID-19 Pandemic and will ensure that, at the times when it matters the most, every toll is collected. Electronic tolling is not without issue. By offering both in-person toll collection and electronic tolling, the PA Turnpike Commission will be able improve its electronic system during times when less Turnpike traffic is expected and put an end to insufficient revenue production.

The premature decision to dismiss nearly 500 PTC employees in favor of full reliance on a flawed system contributed to both the unemployment crisis in the summer of 2020 and the exacerbation of financial issues that have plagued the severely indebted Commission

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Introduced as HB2080

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 2080 Session of 2021

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AN ACT

Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in turnpike, further providing for commission powers and duties.

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

Section 1. Section 8107 of Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read: § 8107. Commission powers and duties.

(c) Toll collectors.--

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission shall employ individuals as toll collectors at each facility designed for the collection of cash payment of tolls on the turnpike. Toll collectors shall be available to collect payment at each tolling facility during peak hours as described under paragraph (2).
 - (2) The following apply to peak hours:
 - (i) Peak hours shall be determined by the

commission.

- (ii) Peak hours shall be the hours that the commission determines that the highest volume of vehicles passes through a tolling facility.
- (iii) Peak hours shall be no fewer than 12 consecutive hours in a 24-hour period.
- (iv) Peak hours may be different among tolling facilities.
- (v) Outside of peak hours, a toll may be collected by electronic toll collection and a violation enforcement system.
- (3) As used in this subsection, the term "toll collector" means an individual who is employed at the commission's discretion and is responsible for collecting prescribed tolls from a driver who passes through a tolling facility.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.