

Scam Warning: PA Turnpike Commission

By Rep. Ann Flood

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) is advising that a smishing scam is again being sent to random individuals, aiming to deceive them to share their personal financial information to settle outstanding toll amounts.

People who receive an unsolicited text, email, or similar message suggesting it is from the PA Turnpike or another toll agency should not click on the link. E-ZPass account holders and Toll By Plate customers can use approved safe methods to check their accounts such as the official PA Turnpike E-ZPass website or the PA Toll Pay app available from the Apple App Store, or Google Play store.

Those who receive a fraudulent text can file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov. That is a site dedicated to sharing information on Internet crimes across law enforcement agencies.

Please see below for a sample of what a smishing scam text may look like. Read on for other ways to help you stay safe from scams.

Supporting First Responders

A New State Law Will Give First Responders **Greater Access To Workers' Compensation Ben**efits For A Post-traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI).

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Under Act 121 of 2024, which I was proud to support, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics will be entitled to benefits under the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation law for psychological traumas arising from individual traumatic events or cumulative highly stressful experiences resulting from their employment – even in the absence of physical injuries requiring medical treatment.



At a time when first responders are in short supply, it is vital we provide proper support to the men and women who choose to put their lives on the line for us and our communities.

The law will take effect next fall.





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