



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2742

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Wayne A Rosenthal

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

605 ILCS 10/19

from Ch. 121, par. 100-19

Amends the Toll Highway Act. Allows a veteran who is traveling to or from a medical appointment to use a toll highway without paying the toll if the veteran has applied for and received from the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority an Official Permit Card. Requires the Authority to adopt rules for the issuance of a permit that allows a veteran to use any toll highway without paying the established toll.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Toll Highway Act is amended by changing
5 Section 19 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 10/19) (from Ch. 121, par. 100-19)

7 Sec. 19. Toll rates. The Authority shall fix and revise
8 from time to time, tolls or charges or rates for the privilege
9 of using each of the toll highways constructed pursuant to
10 this Act. Such tolls shall be so fixed and adjusted at rates
11 calculated to provide the lowest reasonable toll rates that
12 will provide funds sufficient with other revenues of the
13 Authority to pay, (a) the cost of the construction of a toll
14 highway authorized by joint resolution of the General Assembly
15 pursuant to Section 14.1 and the reconstruction, major repairs
16 or improvements of toll highways, (b) the cost of maintaining,
17 repairing, regulating and operating the toll highways
18 including only the necessary expenses of the Authority, and
19 (c) the principal of all bonds, interest thereon and all
20 sinking fund requirements and other requirements provided by
21 resolutions authorizing the issuance of the bonds as they
22 shall become due. In fixing the toll rates pursuant to this
23 Section 19 and Section 10(c) of this Act, the Authority shall

1 take into account the effect of the provisions of this Section
2 19 permitting the use of the toll highway system without
3 payment of the covenants of the Authority contained in the
4 resolutions and trust indentures authorizing the issuance of
5 bonds of the Authority. No such provision permitting the use
6 of the toll highway system without payment of tolls after the
7 date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall
8 be applied in a manner that impairs the rights of bondholders
9 pursuant to any resolution or trust indentures authorizing the
10 issuance of bonds of the Authority. The use and disposition of
11 any sinking or reserve fund shall be subject to such
12 regulation as may be provided in the resolution or trust
13 indenture authorizing the issuance of the bonds. Subject to
14 the provisions of any resolution or trust indenture
15 authorizing the issuance of bonds any moneys in any such
16 sinking fund in excess of an amount equal to one year's
17 interest on the bonds then outstanding secured by such sinking
18 fund may be applied to the purchase or redemption of bonds. All
19 such bonds so redeemed or purchased shall forthwith be
20 cancelled and shall not again be issued. No person shall be
21 permitted to use any toll highway without paying the toll
22 established under this Section except when on official Toll
23 Highway Authority business which includes police and other
24 emergency vehicles. However, any law enforcement agency
25 vehicle, fire department vehicle, public or private ambulance
26 service vehicle engaged in the performance of an emergency

1 service or duty that necessitates the use of the toll highway
2 system, or other emergency vehicle that is plainly marked
3 shall not be required to pay a toll to use a toll highway. A
4 law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services
5 officer driving a law enforcement, fire protection, emergency
6 services agency vehicle, or public or private ambulance
7 service vehicle engaging in the performance of emergency
8 services or duties that is not plainly marked must present an
9 Official Permit Card which the law enforcement, fire
10 protection, or emergency services officer receives from his or
11 her law enforcement, fire protection, emergency services
12 agency, or public or private ambulance service in order to use
13 a toll highway without paying the toll. A law enforcement,
14 fire protection, emergency services agency, or public or
15 private ambulance service engaging in the performance of
16 emergency services or duties must apply to the Authority to
17 receive a permit, and the Authority shall adopt rules for the
18 issuance of a permit, that allows public or private ambulance
19 service vehicles engaged in the performance of emergency
20 services or duties that necessitate the use of the toll
21 highway system and all law enforcement, fire protection, or
22 emergency services agency vehicles of the law enforcement,
23 fire protection, or emergency services agency to use any toll
24 highway without paying the toll established under this
25 Section. A veteran who is traveling to or from a medical
26 appointment may use a toll highway without paying the toll if

1 the veteran has applied for and received from the Authority an
2 Official Permit Card. The Authority shall adopt rules for the
3 issuance of a permit that allows a veteran to use any toll
4 highway without paying the toll established under this Section
5 while traveling to a medical appointment. The Authority shall
6 maintain in its office a list of all persons that are
7 authorized to use any toll highway without charge when on
8 official business of the Authority and such list shall be open
9 to the public for inspection. In recognition of the unique
10 role of public transportation in providing effective
11 transportation in the Authority's service region, and to give
12 effect to the exemption set forth in subsection (b) of Section
13 2.06 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act, the
14 following vehicles may use any toll highway without paying the
15 toll: (1) a vehicle owned or operated by the Suburban Bus
16 Division of the Regional Transportation Authority that is
17 being used to transport passengers for hire; and (2) any
18 revenue vehicle that is owned or operated by a Mass Transit
19 District created under Section 3 of the Local Mass Transit
20 District Act and running regular scheduled service.

21 Among other matters, this amendatory Act of 1990 is
22 intended to clarify and confirm the prior intent of the
23 General Assembly to allow toll revenues from the toll highway
24 system to be used to pay a portion of the cost of the
25 construction of the North-South Toll Highway authorized by
26 Senate Joint Resolution 122 of the 83rd General Assembly in

1 1984.

2 As used in this Section, "veteran" means an individual who
3 served in the Armed Forces of the United States, the National
4 Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United
5 States.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-739, eff. 1-1-19.)