



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4502

Introduced 1/26/2026, 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 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-457)

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

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

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

1 all persons that are authorized to use any toll highway
2 without charge when on official business of the Authority and
3 such list shall be open to the public for inspection. In
4 recognition of the unique role of public transportation in
5 providing effective transportation in the Authority's service
6 region, and to give effect to the exemption set forth in
7 subsection (b) of Section 2.06 of the Regional Transportation
8 Authority Act, the following vehicles may use any toll highway
9 without paying the toll: (1) a vehicle owned or operated by the
10 Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority
11 that is being used to transport passengers for hire; and (2)
12 any revenue vehicle that is owned or operated by a Mass Transit
13 District created under Section 3 of the Local Mass Transit
14 District Act and running regular scheduled service.

15 Among other matters, this amendatory Act of 1990 is
16 intended to clarify and confirm the prior intent of the
17 General Assembly to allow toll revenues from the toll highway
18 system to be used to pay a portion of the cost of the
19 construction of the North-South Toll Highway authorized by
20 Senate Joint Resolution 122 of the 83rd General Assembly in
21 1984.

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

23 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-457)

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7 pursuant to Section 14.1 and the reconstruction, major repairs
8 or improvements of toll highways, (b) the cost of maintaining,
9 repairing, regulating and operating the toll highways
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16 take into account the effect of the provisions of this Section
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9 cancelled and shall not again be issued. No person shall be
10 permitted to use any toll highway without paying the toll
11 established under this Section except when on official Toll
12 Highway Authority business which includes police and other
13 emergency vehicles. However, any law enforcement agency
14 vehicle, fire department vehicle, public or private ambulance
15 service vehicle engaged in the performance of an emergency
16 service or duty that necessitates the use of the toll highway
17 system, or other emergency vehicle that is plainly marked
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19 law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services
20 officer driving a law enforcement, fire protection, emergency
21 services agency vehicle, or public or private ambulance
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23 services or duties that is not plainly marked must present an
24 Official Permit Card which the law enforcement, fire
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13 highway without paying the toll established under this
14 Section. A veteran who is traveling to or from a medical
15 appointment may use a toll highway without paying the toll if
16 the veteran has applied for and received from the Authority an
17 Official Permit Card. The Authority shall adopt rules for the
18 issuance of a permit that allows a veteran to use any toll
19 highway without paying the toll established under this Section
20 while traveling to a medical appointment. The Authority shall
21 maintain in its office a list of all persons that are
22 authorized to use any toll highway without charge when on
23 official business of the Authority and such list shall be open
24 to the public for inspection. In recognition of the unique
25 role of public transportation in providing effective
26 transportation in the Authority's service region, and to give

1 effect to the exemption set forth in subsection (b) of Section
2 2.06 of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act, the
3 following vehicles may use any toll highway without paying the
4 toll: (1) a vehicle owned or operated by the Suburban Bus
5 Division of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority that is
6 being used to transport passengers for hire; and (2) any
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15 Senate Joint Resolution 122 of the 83rd General Assembly in
16 1984.

17 As used in this Section, "veteran" means an individual who
18 served in the Armed Forces of the United States, the National
19 Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United
20 States.

21 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

22 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
23 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
24 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
25 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does

1 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
2 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
3 Public Act.