



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5805

by Rep. Martin McLaughlin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

605 ILCS 10/19

from Ch. 121, par. 100-19

Provides that the Act may be referred to as the Truth in Toll Transparency Act. Amends the Toll Highway Act. Requires the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to prominently display toll rates in a manner visible to approaching motorists at all toll locations. Effective immediately.

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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 1. This Act may be referred to as the Truth in Toll
5 Transparency Act.

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

8 (605 ILCS 10/19) (from Ch. 121, par. 100-19)

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

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

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

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

18 The Authority shall prominently display the toll rates
19 established under this Section in a manner visible to
20 approaching motorists at all toll locations.

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

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.