

1 AN ACT concerning toll highways.

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. The Authority shall fix and revise from time to
8 time, tolls or charges or rates for the privilege of using
9 each of the toll highways constructed pursuant to this Act.
10 Such Tolls shall be so fixed and adjusted at rates calculated
11 to provide the lowest reasonable toll rates that will provide
12 funds sufficient with other revenues of the Authority to pay,
13 (a) the cost of the construction of a toll highway authorized
14 by joint resolution of the General Assembly pursuant to
15 Section 14.1 and the reconstruction, major repairs or
16 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. The use and disposition of any sinking or
23 reserve fund shall be subject to such regulation as may be
24 provided in the resolution or trust indenture authorizing the
25 issuance of the bonds. Subject to the provisions of any
26 resolution or trust indenture authorizing the issuance of
27 bonds any moneys in any such sinking fund in excess of an
28 amount equal to one year's interest on the bonds then
29 outstanding secured by such sinking fund may be applied to
30 the purchase or redemption of bonds. All such bonds so
31 redeemed or purchased shall forthwith be cancelled and shall

1 not again be issued. No person shall be permitted to use
2 any toll highway without paying the toll established under
3 this Section except when on official Toll Highway Authority
4 business which includes police and other emergency vehicles.
5 However, any law enforcement agency vehicle, fire department
6 vehicle, or other emergency vehicle that is plainly marked
7 shall not be required to pay a toll to use a toll highway. A
8 law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services
9 officer driving a law enforcement, fire protection, or
10 emergency services agency vehicle that is not plainly marked
11 must present an Official Permit Card which the law
12 enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services officer
13 receives from his or her law enforcement, fire protection, or
14 emergency services agency in order to use a toll highway
15 without paying the toll. A law enforcement, fire protection,
16 or emergency services agency 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 all law enforcement, fire
19 protection, or emergency services agency vehicles of the law
20 enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services agency
21 that are not plainly marked to use any toll highway without
22 paying the toll established under this Section. The Authority
23 shall maintain in its office a list of all persons that are
24 authorized to use any toll highway without charge when on
25 official business of the Authority and such list shall be
26 open to the public for inspection.

27 Among other matters, this amendatory Act of 1990 is
28 intended to clarify and confirm the prior intent of the
29 General Assembly to allow toll revenues from the toll highway
30 system to be used to pay a portion of the cost of the
31 construction of the North-South Toll Highway authorized by
32 Senate Joint Resolution 122 of the 83rd General Assembly in
33 1984.

34 (Source: P.A. 90-152, eff. 7-23-97.)