

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 HB1236

Introduced 2/18/2009, by Rep. Jack D. Franks

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

605 ILCS 10/11

from Ch. 121, par. 100-11

Amends the Toll Highway Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning powers of the Toll Highway Authority.

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1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

- Section 5. The Toll Highway Act is amended by changing Section 11 as follows:
- 6 (605 ILCS 10/11) (from Ch. 121, par. 100-11)
- 7 Sec. 11. The The Authority shall have power:
- 8 (a) To enter upon lands, waters and premises in the State for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, drillings and examinations as may be necessary, expedient or convenient for 10 the purposes of this Act, and such entry shall not be deemed to 11 be a trespass, nor shall an entry for such purpose be deemed an 12 entry under any condemnation proceedings which may be then 13 14 pending; provided, however, that the Authority shall make reimbursement for any actual damage resulting to such lands, 15 16 waters and premises as the result of such activities.
- 17 (b) To construct, maintain and operate stations for the 18 collection of tolls or charges upon and along any toll 19 highways.
- 20 (c) To provide for the collection of tolls and charges for 21 the privilege of using the said toll highways. Before it adopts 22 an increase in the rates for toll, the Authority shall hold a 23 public hearing at which any person may appear, express

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opinions, suggestions, or objections, or direct inquiries relating to the proposed increase. Any person may submit a written statement to the Authority at the hearing, whether appearing in person or not. The hearing shall be held in the county in which the proposed increase of the rates is to take place. The Authority shall give notice of the hearing by advertisement on 3 successive days at least 15 days prior to the date of the hearing in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the county within which the hearing is held. The notice shall state the date, time, and place of the hearing, shall contain a description of the proposed increase, and shall specify how interested persons may obtain copies of any reports, resolutions, or certificates describing the basis on which the proposed change, alteration, or modification was calculated. After consideration of any statements filed or oral opinions, suggestions, objections, or inquiries made at the hearing, the Authority may proceed to adopt the proposed increase of the rates for toll. No change or alteration in or modification of the rates for toll shall be effective unless at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such rates notice thereof shall be given to the public by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, and such notice, or notices, thereof shall be posted and publicly displayed at each and every toll station upon or along said toll highways.

(d) To construct, at the Authority's discretion, grade separations at intersections with any railroads, waterways,

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street railways, streets, thoroughfares, public roads highways intersected by the said toll highways, and to change and adjust the lines and grades thereof so as to accommodate the same to the design of such grade separation and to construct interchange improvements. The Authority authorized to provide such grade separations or interchange improvements at its own cost or to enter into contracts or agreements with reference to division of cost therefor with any municipality or political subdivision of the State of Illinois, or with the Federal Government, or any agency thereof, or with any corporation, individual, firm, person or association. Where such structures have been built by the Authority and a local highway agency did not enter into an agreement to the contrary, the Authority shall maintain the entire structure, including the road surface, at the Authority's expense.

(e) To contract with and grant concessions to or lease or license to any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation so desiring the use of any part of any toll highways, excluding the paved portion thereof, but including the right of way adjoining, under, or over said paved portion for the placing of telephone, telegraph, electric, power lines and other utilities, and for the placing of pipe lines, and to enter into operating agreements with or to contract with and grant concessions to or to lease to any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation so desiring the use of any part of the toll highways, excluding the paved portion thereof,

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but including the right of way adjoining, or over said paved portion for motor fuel service stations and facilities, garages, stores and restaurants, or for any other lawful purpose, and to fix the terms, conditions, rents, rates and charges for such use.

The Authority shall also have power to establish reasonable regulations for the installation, construction, maintenance, repair, renewal, relocation and removal of pipes, mains, conduits, cables, wires, towers, poles and other equipment and appliances (herein called public utilities) of any public utility as defined in the Public Utilities Act along, over or under any toll road project. Whenever the Authority shall determine that it is necessary that any such public utility facilities which now are located in, on, along, over or under any project or projects be relocated or removed entirely from any such project or projects, the public utility owning or operating such facilities shall relocate or remove the same in accordance with the order of the Authority. All costs and expenses of such relocation or removal, including the cost of installing such facilities in a new location or locations, and the cost of any land or lands, or interest in land, or any other rights required to accomplish such relocation or removal shall be ascertained and paid by the Authority as a part of the cost of any such project or projects, and further, there shall be no rent, fee or other charge of any kind imposed upon the public utility owning or operating any facilities ordered

- relocated on the properties of the said Authority and the said
 Authority shall grant to the said public utility owning or
 operating said facilities and its successors and assigns the
 right to operate the same in the new location or locations for
 as long a period and upon the same terms and conditions as it
 had the right to maintain and operate such facilities in their
- 8 (f) To enter into an intergovernmental agreement or 9 contract with a unit of local government or other public or 10 private entity for the collection, enforcement, and 11 administration of tolls, fees, revenue, and violations.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 94-636, eff. 8-22-05.)

former location or locations.