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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 50/3.50

210 ILCS 50/3.55

210 ILCS 50/3.60

210 ILCS 50/3.85

605 ILCS 10/19

from Ch. 121, par. 100-19

605 ILCS 115/13

from Ch. 137, par. 13

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Prohibits the Department of Public Health from implementing the U.S. Department of Transportation National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education Standards until expressly authorized to do so by the General Assembly. Provides that an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P may perform emergency or non-emergency medical services, in accordance with his or her level of education, training, and licensure, regardless of the level or type of vehicle (for example, an ambulance or other type of emergency services vehicle) in which the he or she is practicing as an EMT. Provides that a First Responder must be at least 16 years of age. Provides that the Department's standards and requirements with respect to vehicle staffing must allow for a person who is not an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P to serve as the driver of a vehicle covered by a Vehicle Service Provider's license while the vehicle is being used to provide emergency or non-emergency transportation and must provide for the licensure of such a person to serve in that capacity. Amends the Toll Highway Act and the Toll Bridge Act to allow emergency medical services vehicles to use a toll highway or toll bridge without paying a toll.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act
5 is amended by changing Sections 3.50, 3.55, 3.60, and 3.85 as
6 follows:

7 (210 ILCS 50/3.50)

8 Sec. 3.50. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Licensure.

9 (a) "Emergency Medical Technician-Basic" or "EMT-B" means
10 a person who has successfully completed a course of instruction
11 in basic life support as prescribed by the Department, is
12 currently licensed by the Department in accordance with
13 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
14 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an EMS
15 System.

16 (b) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate" or "EMT-I"
17 means a person who has successfully completed a course of
18 instruction in intermediate life support as prescribed by the
19 Department, is currently licensed by the Department in
20 accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules
21 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and practices
22 within an Intermediate or Advanced Life Support EMS System.

23 (c) "Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic" or "EMT-P"

1 means a person who has successfully completed a course of
2 instruction in advanced life support care as prescribed by the
3 Department, is licensed by the Department in accordance with
4 standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the
5 Department pursuant to this Act, and practices within an
6 Advanced Life Support EMS System.

7 (d) The Department shall have the authority and
8 responsibility to:

9 (1) Prescribe education and training requirements,
10 which includes training in the use of epinephrine, for all
11 levels of EMT, based on the respective national curricula
12 of the United States Department of Transportation and any
13 modifications to such curricula specified by the
14 Department through rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

15 (2) Prescribe licensure testing requirements for all
16 levels of EMT, which shall include a requirement that all
17 phases of instruction, training, and field experience be
18 completed before taking the EMT licensure examination.
19 Candidates may elect to take the National Registry of
20 Emergency Medical Technicians examination in lieu of the
21 Department's examination, but are responsible for making
22 their own arrangements for taking the National Registry
23 examination.

24 (2.5) Review applications for EMT licensure from
25 honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the
26 United States with military emergency medical training.

1 Applications shall be filed with the Department within one
2 year after military discharge and shall contain: (i) proof
3 of successful completion of military emergency medical
4 training; (ii) a detailed description of the emergency
5 medical curriculum completed; and (iii) a detailed
6 description of the applicant's clinical experience. The
7 Department may request additional and clarifying
8 information. The Department shall evaluate the
9 application, including the applicant's training and
10 experience, consistent with the standards set forth under
11 subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Section 3.10. If the
12 application clearly demonstrates that the training and
13 experience meets such standards, the Department shall
14 offer the applicant the opportunity to successfully
15 complete a Department-approved EMT examination for which
16 the applicant is qualified. Upon passage of an examination,
17 the Department shall issue a license, which shall be
18 subject to all provisions of this Act that are otherwise
19 applicable to the class of EMT license issued.

20 (3) License individuals as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P
21 who have met the Department's education, training and
22 examination requirements.

23 (4) Prescribe annual continuing education and
24 relicensure requirements for all levels of EMT.

25 (5) Relicense individuals as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P
26 every 4 years, based on their compliance with continuing

1 education and relicensure requirements. An Illinois
2 licensed Emergency Medical Technician whose license has
3 been expired for less than 36 months may apply for
4 reinstatement by the Department. Reinstatement shall
5 require that the applicant (i) submit satisfactory proof of
6 completion of continuing medical education and clinical
7 requirements to be prescribed by the Department in an
8 administrative rule; (ii) submit a positive recommendation
9 from an Illinois EMS Medical Director attesting to the
10 applicant's qualifications for retesting; and (iii) pass a
11 Department approved test for the level of EMT license
12 sought to be reinstated.

13 (6) Grant inactive status to any EMT who qualifies,
14 based on standards and procedures established by the
15 Department in rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

16 (7) Charge a fee for EMT examination, licensure, and
17 license renewal.

18 (8) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the
19 license of any licensee, after an opportunity for an
20 impartial hearing before a neutral administrative law
21 judge appointed by the Director, where the preponderance of
22 the evidence shows one or more of the following:

23 (A) The licensee has not met continuing education
24 or relicensure requirements as prescribed by the
25 Department;

26 (B) The licensee has failed to maintain

1 proficiency in the level of skills for which he or she
2 is licensed;

3 (C) The licensee, during the provision of medical
4 services, engaged in dishonorable, unethical, or
5 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to
6 deceive, defraud, or harm the public;

7 (D) The licensee has failed to maintain or has
8 violated standards of performance and conduct as
9 prescribed by the Department in rules adopted pursuant
10 to this Act or his or her EMS System's Program Plan;

11 (E) The licensee is physically impaired to the
12 extent that he or she cannot physically perform the
13 skills and functions for which he or she is licensed,
14 as verified by a physician, unless the person is on
15 inactive status pursuant to Department regulations;

16 (F) The licensee is mentally impaired to the extent
17 that he or she cannot exercise the appropriate
18 judgment, skill and safety for performing the
19 functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified
20 by a physician, unless the person is on inactive status
21 pursuant to Department regulations;

22 (G) The licensee has violated this Act or any rule
23 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act; or

24 (H) The licensee has been convicted (or entered a
25 plea of guilty or nolo-contendere) by a court of
26 competent jurisdiction of a Class X, Class 1, or Class

1 2 felony in this State or an out-of-state equivalent
2 offense.

3 (9) An EMT who is a member of the Illinois National
4 Guard ~~or~~ an Illinois State Trooper~~r~~ or who exclusively
5 serves as a volunteer for units of local government with a
6 population base of less than 5,000 or as a volunteer for a
7 not-for-profit organization that serves a service area
8 with a population base of less than 5,000 may submit an
9 application to the Department for a waiver of these fees on
10 a form prescribed by the Department.

11 The education requirements prescribed by the Department
12 under this subsection must allow for the suspension of those
13 requirements in the case of a member of the armed services or
14 reserve forces of the United States or a member of the Illinois
15 National Guard who is on active duty pursuant to an executive
16 order of the President of the United States, an act of the
17 Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor at
18 the time that the member would otherwise be required to fulfill
19 a particular education requirement. Such a person must fulfill
20 the education requirement within 6 months after his or her
21 release from active duty.

22 The Department may not implement the U.S. Department of
23 Transportation National Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
24 Education Standards until expressly authorized to do so by the
25 General Assembly.

26 (e) In the event that any rule of the Department or an EMS

1 Medical Director that requires testing for drug use as a
2 condition for EMT licensure conflicts with or duplicates a
3 provision of a collective bargaining agreement that requires
4 testing for drug use, that rule shall not apply to any person
5 covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

6 (Source: P.A. 96-540, eff. 8-17-09; 96-1149, eff. 7-21-10;
7 96-1469, eff. 1-1-11; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11; 97-509, eff.
8 8-23-11; revised 11-18-11.)

9 (210 ILCS 50/3.55)

10 Sec. 3.55. Scope of practice.

11 (a) Any person currently licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or
12 EMT-P may perform emergency and non-emergency medical services
13 as defined in this Act, in accordance with his or her level of
14 education, training and licensure, the standards of
15 performance and conduct prescribed by the Department in rules
16 adopted pursuant to this Act, and the requirements of the EMS
17 System in which he or she practices, as contained in the
18 approved Program Plan for that System. An EMT-B, EMT-I, or
19 EMT-P may perform such medical services, in accordance with his
20 or her level of education, training, and licensure, regardless
21 of the level or type of vehicle (as described in subdivision
22 (b) (4) of Section 3.85) in which the he or she is practicing as
23 an EMT.

24 (a-5) A person currently approved as a First Responder or
25 licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P who has successfully

1 completed a Department approved course in automated
2 defibrillator operation and who is functioning within a
3 Department approved EMS System may utilize such automated
4 defibrillator according to the standards of performance and
5 conduct prescribed by the Department in rules adopted pursuant
6 to this Act and the requirements of the EMS System in which he
7 or she practices, as contained in the approved Program Plan for
8 that System.

9 (a-7) A person currently licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or
10 EMT-P who has successfully completed a Department approved
11 course in the administration of epinephrine, shall be required
12 to carry epinephrine with him or her as part of the EMT medical
13 supplies whenever he or she is performing the duties of an
14 emergency medical technician.

15 (b) A person currently licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or
16 EMT-P may only practice as an EMT or utilize his or her EMT
17 license in pre-hospital or inter-hospital emergency care
18 settings or non-emergency medical transport situations, under
19 the written or verbal direction of the EMS Medical Director.
20 For purposes of this Section, a "pre-hospital emergency care
21 setting" may include a location, that is not a health care
22 facility, which utilizes EMTs to render pre-hospital emergency
23 care prior to the arrival of a transport vehicle. The location
24 shall include communication equipment and all of the portable
25 equipment and drugs appropriate for the EMT's level of care, as
26 required by this Act, rules adopted by the Department pursuant

1 to this Act, and the protocols of the EMS Systems, and shall
2 operate only with the approval and under the direction of the
3 EMS Medical Director.

4 This Section shall not prohibit an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P
5 from practicing within an emergency department or other health
6 care setting for the purpose of receiving continuing education
7 or training approved by the EMS Medical Director. This Section
8 shall also not prohibit an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P from seeking
9 credentials other than his or her EMT license and utilizing
10 such credentials to work in emergency departments or other
11 health care settings under the jurisdiction of that employer.

12 (c) A person currently licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or
13 EMT-P may honor Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders and powers of
14 attorney for health care only in accordance with rules adopted
15 by the Department pursuant to this Act and protocols of the EMS
16 System in which he or she practices.

17 (d) A student enrolled in a Department approved emergency
18 medical technician program, while fulfilling the clinical
19 training and in-field supervised experience requirements
20 mandated for licensure or approval by the System and the
21 Department, may perform prescribed procedures under the direct
22 supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all
23 of its branches, a qualified registered professional nurse or a
24 qualified EMT, only when authorized by the EMS Medical
25 Director.

26 (Source: P.A. 92-376, eff. 8-15-01.)

1 (210 ILCS 50/3.60)

2 Sec. 3.60. First Responder.

3 (a) "First Responder" means a person who is at least 16
4 years of age, who has successfully completed a course of
5 instruction in emergency first response as prescribed by the
6 Department, and who provides first response services prior to
7 the arrival of an ambulance or specialized emergency medical
8 services vehicle, in accordance with the level of care
9 established in the emergency first response course. A First
10 Responder who provides such services as part of an EMS System
11 response plan which utilizes First Responders as the personnel
12 dispatched to the scene of an emergency to provide initial
13 emergency medical care shall comply with the applicable
14 sections of the Program Plan of that EMS System.

15 Persons who have already completed a course of instruction
16 in emergency first response based on or equivalent to the
17 national curriculum of the United States Department of
18 Transportation, or as otherwise previously recognized by the
19 Department, shall be considered First Responders on the
20 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995.

21 (b) The Department shall have the authority and
22 responsibility to:

23 (1) Prescribe education requirements for the First
24 Responder, which meet or exceed the national curriculum of
25 the United States Department of Transportation, through

1 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

2 (2) Prescribe a standard set of equipment for use
3 during first response services. An individual First
4 Responder shall not be required to maintain his or her own
5 set of such equipment, provided he or she has access to
6 such equipment during a first response call.

7 (3) Require the First Responder to notify the
8 Department of any EMS System in which he or she
9 participates as dispatched personnel as described in
10 subsection (a).

11 (4) Require the First Responder to comply with the
12 applicable sections of the Program Plans for those Systems.

13 (5) Require the First Responder to keep the Department
14 currently informed as to who employs him or her and who
15 supervises his or her activities as a First Responder.

16 (6) Establish a mechanism for phasing in the First
17 Responder requirements over a 5-year period.

18 (7) Charge each First Responder applicant a fee for
19 testing, initial licensure, and license renewal. A First
20 Responder who exclusively serves as a volunteer for units
21 of local government or a not-for-profit organization that
22 serves a service area with a population base of less than
23 5,000 may submit an application to the Department for a
24 waiver of these fees on a form prescribed by the
25 Department.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-1469, eff. 1-1-11.)

1 (210 ILCS 50/3.85)

2 Sec. 3.85. Vehicle Service Providers.

3 (a) "Vehicle Service Provider" means an entity licensed by
4 the Department to provide emergency or non-emergency medical
5 services in compliance with this Act, the rules promulgated by
6 the Department pursuant to this Act, and an operational plan
7 approved by its EMS System(s), utilizing at least ambulances or
8 specialized emergency medical service vehicles (SEMSV).

9 (1) "Ambulance" means any publicly or privately owned
10 on-road vehicle that is specifically designed, constructed
11 or modified and equipped, and is intended to be used for,
12 and is maintained or operated for the emergency
13 transportation of persons who are sick, injured, wounded or
14 otherwise incapacitated or helpless, or the non-emergency
15 medical transportation of persons who require the presence
16 of medical personnel to monitor the individual's condition
17 or medical apparatus being used on such individuals.

18 (2) "Specialized Emergency Medical Services Vehicle"
19 or "SEMSV" means a vehicle or conveyance, other than those
20 owned or operated by the federal government, that is
21 primarily intended for use in transporting the sick or
22 injured by means of air, water, or ground transportation,
23 that is not an ambulance as defined in this Act. The term
24 includes watercraft, aircraft and special purpose ground
25 transport vehicles or conveyances not intended for use on

1 public roads.

2 (3) An ambulance or SEMSV may also be designated as a
3 Limited Operation Vehicle or Special-Use Vehicle:

4 (A) "Limited Operation Vehicle" means a vehicle
5 which is licensed by the Department to provide basic,
6 intermediate or advanced life support emergency or
7 non-emergency medical services that are exclusively
8 limited to specific events or locales.

9 (B) "Special-Use Vehicle" means any publicly or
10 privately owned vehicle that is specifically designed,
11 constructed or modified and equipped, and is intended
12 to be used for, and is maintained or operated solely
13 for the emergency or non-emergency transportation of a
14 specific medical class or category of persons who are
15 sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated or
16 helpless (e.g. high-risk obstetrical patients,
17 neonatal patients).

18 (C) "Reserve Ambulance" means a vehicle that meets
19 all criteria set forth in this Section and all
20 Department rules, except for the required inventory of
21 medical supplies and durable medical equipment, which
22 may be rapidly transferred from a fully functional
23 ambulance to a reserve ambulance without the use of
24 tools or special mechanical expertise.

25 (b) The Department shall have the authority and
26 responsibility to:

1 (1) Require all Vehicle Service Providers, both
2 publicly and privately owned, to function within an EMS
3 System. ~~+~~

4 (2) Require a Vehicle Service Provider utilizing
5 ambulances to have a primary affiliation with an EMS System
6 within the EMS Region in which its Primary Service Area is
7 located, which is the geographic areas in which the
8 provider renders the majority of its emergency responses.
9 This requirement shall not apply to Vehicle Service
10 Providers which exclusively utilize Limited Operation
11 Vehicles. ~~+~~

12 (3) Establish licensing standards and requirements for
13 Vehicle Service Providers, through rules adopted pursuant
14 to this Act, including but not limited to:

15 (A) Vehicle design, specification, operation and
16 maintenance standards, including standards for the use
17 of reserve ambulances;

18 (B) Equipment requirements;

19 (C) Staffing requirements; and

20 (D) Annual license renewal. ~~+~~

21 The Department's standards and requirements with
22 respect to vehicle staffing must allow for a person who is
23 not an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P to serve as the driver of a
24 vehicle covered by a Vehicle Service Provider's license
25 while the vehicle is being used to provide emergency or
26 non-emergency transportation and must provide for the

1 licensure of such a person to serve in that capacity. †

2 (4) License all Vehicle Service Providers that have met
3 the Department's requirements for licensure, unless such
4 Provider is owned or licensed by the federal government.
5 All Provider licenses issued by the Department shall
6 specify the level and type of each vehicle covered by the
7 license (BLS, ILS, ALS, ambulance, SEMSV, limited
8 operation vehicle, special use vehicle, reserve
9 ambulance). †

10 (5) Annually inspect all licensed Vehicle Service
11 Providers, and relicense such Providers that have met the
12 Department's requirements for license renewal. †

13 (6) Suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or refuse to renew
14 the license of any Vehicle Service Provider, or that
15 portion of a license pertaining to a specific vehicle
16 operated by the Provider, after an opportunity for a
17 hearing, when findings show that the Provider or one or
18 more of its vehicles has failed to comply with the
19 standards and requirements of this Act or rules adopted by
20 the Department pursuant to this Act. †

21 (7) Issue an Emergency Suspension Order for any
22 Provider or vehicle licensed under this Act, when the
23 Director or his designee has determined that an immediate
24 and serious danger to the public health, safety and welfare
25 exists. Suspension or revocation proceedings which offer
26 an opportunity for hearing shall be promptly initiated

1 after the Emergency Suspension Order has been issued. †

2 (8) Exempt any licensed vehicle from subsequent
3 vehicle design standards or specifications required by the
4 Department, as long as said vehicle is continuously in
5 compliance with the vehicle design standards and
6 specifications originally applicable to that vehicle, or
7 until said vehicle's title of ownership is transferred. †

8 (9) Exempt any vehicle (except an SEMSV) which was
9 being used as an ambulance on or before December 15, 1980,
10 from vehicle design standards and specifications required
11 by the Department, until said vehicle's title of ownership
12 is transferred. Such vehicles shall not be exempt from all
13 other licensing standards and requirements prescribed by
14 the Department. †

15 (10) Prohibit any Vehicle Service Provider from
16 advertising, identifying its vehicles, or disseminating
17 information in a false or misleading manner concerning the
18 Provider's type and level of vehicles, location, primary
19 service area, response times, level of personnel,
20 licensure status or System participation. †

21 (10.5) Prohibit any Vehicle Service Provider, whether
22 municipal, private, or hospital-owned, from advertising
23 itself as a critical care transport provider unless it
24 participates in a Department-approved EMS System critical
25 care transport plan. † ~~and~~

26 (11) Charge each Vehicle Service Provider a fee per

1 transport vehicle, to be submitted with each application
2 for licensure and license renewal. The fee per transport
3 vehicle shall be set by administrative rule by the
4 Department and shall not exceed 100 vehicles per provider.
5 (Source: P.A. 96-1469, eff. 1-1-11; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)

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

1 pursuant to this Section 19 and Section 10(c) of this Act, the
2 Authority shall take into account the effect of the provisions
3 of this Section 19 permitting the use of the toll highway
4 system without payment of the covenants of the Authority
5 contained in the resolutions and trust indentures authorizing
6 the issuance of bonds of the Authority. No such provision
7 permitting the use of the toll highway system without payment
8 of tolls after the date of this amendatory Act of the 95th
9 General Assembly shall be applied in a manner that impairs the
10 rights of bondholders pursuant to any resolution or trust
11 indentures authorizing the issuance of bonds of the Authority.
12 The use and disposition of any sinking or reserve fund shall be
13 subject to such regulation as may be provided in the resolution
14 or trust indenture authorizing the issuance of the bonds.
15 Subject to 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.

22 No person shall be permitted to use any toll highway
23 without paying the toll established under this Section except
24 when on official Toll Highway Authority business which includes
25 police and other emergency vehicles. However, any law
26 enforcement agency vehicle, fire department vehicle, or other

1 emergency vehicle, including any vehicle covered by a license
2 issued to a public or private vehicle service provider by the
3 Department of Public Health under Section 3.85 of the Emergency
4 Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, that is plainly marked
5 shall not be required to pay a toll to use a toll highway. A law
6 enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services officer
7 driving a law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency
8 services agency vehicle, including any vehicle covered by a
9 license issued to a public or private vehicle service provider
10 by the Department of Public Health under Section 3.85 of the
11 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act, that is not
12 plainly marked must present an Official Permit Card which the
13 law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services
14 officer receives from his or her law enforcement, fire
15 protection, or emergency services agency in order to use a toll
16 highway without paying the toll. A law enforcement, fire
17 protection, or emergency services agency must apply to the
18 Authority to receive a permit, and the Authority shall adopt
19 rules for the issuance of a permit, that allows all law
20 enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services agency
21 vehicles of the law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency
22 services agency that are not plainly marked to use any toll
23 highway without paying the toll established under this Section.
24 As used in this Section, "emergency services agency" includes a
25 public or private vehicle service provider licensed by the
26 Department of Public Health under Section 3.85 of the Emergency

1 Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. The Authority shall
2 maintain in its office a list of all persons that are
3 authorized to use any toll highway without charge when on
4 official business of the Authority and such list shall be open
5 to the public for inspection. In recognition of the unique role
6 of the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation
7 Authority in providing effective transportation in the
8 Authority's service region and to give effect to the exemption
9 set forth in subsection (b) of Section 2.06 of the Regional
10 Transportation Authority Act, a vehicle owned or operated by
11 the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation
12 Authority that is being used to transport passengers for hire
13 may use any toll highway without paying the toll.

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

20 (Source: P.A. 95-327, eff. 1-1-08.)

21 Section 15. The Toll Bridge Act is amended by changing
22 Section 13 as follows:

23 (605 ILCS 115/13) (from Ch. 137, par. 13)

24 Sec. 13. Injuring toll gate; failure to pay toll; penalty;

1 exception.

2 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), every ~~Every~~
3 person who shall willfully break, throw, draw or injure any
4 gate erected on any toll bridge, or shall forcibly or
5 fraudulently pass over any such bridge without having first
6 paid or tendered the legal toll, shall be deemed guilty of a
7 petty offense, and upon conviction shall be fined, in addition
8 to the damage resulting from such wrongful act, in any sum not
9 exceeding ten dollars.

10 (b) Any vehicle covered by a license issued to a public or
11 private vehicle service provider by the Department of Public
12 Health under Section 3.85 of the Emergency Medical Services
13 (EMS) Systems Act shall not be required to pay a toll to use a
14 toll bridge.

15 (Source: P.A. 89-657, eff. 8-14-96)