

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 HB0394

Introduced 2/8/2021, by Rep. Martin J. Moylan

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

605 ILCS 10/19

from Ch. 121, par. 100-19

Amends the Toll Highway Act. Provides that the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority shall not charge a toll for a vehicle of the first division pulling a trailer with no more than 2 axles at a rate higher than an amount calculated by multiplying the toll charged to passenger vehicles using an I-PASS device by the total number of axles on the trailer. Provides that the toll rate applies to drivers who use an I-PASS device or use cash to pay a toll. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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 19 as follows:
- 6 (605 ILCS 10/19) (from Ch. 121, par. 100-19)

Sec. 19. Toll rates. The Authority shall fix and revise 7 8 from time to time, tolls or charges or rates for the privilege 9 of using each of the toll highways constructed pursuant to this Act. Such tolls shall be so fixed and adjusted at rates 10 calculated to provide the lowest reasonable toll rates that 11 will provide funds sufficient with other revenues of the 12 13 Authority to pay, (a) the cost of the construction of a toll 14 highway authorized by joint resolution of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 14.1 and the reconstruction, major repairs 15 16 or improvements of toll highways, (b) the cost of maintaining, 17 repairing, regulating and operating the toll including only the necessary expenses of the Authority, and 18 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. In fixing the toll rates pursuant to this Section 19 and Section 10(c) of this Act, the Authority shall 23

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take into account the effect of the provisions of this Section 19 permitting the use of the toll highway system without payment of the covenants of the Authority contained in the resolutions and trust indentures authorizing the issuance of bonds of the Authority. No such provision permitting the use of the toll highway system without payment of tolls after the date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be applied in a manner that impairs the rights of bondholders pursuant to any resolution or trust indentures authorizing the issuance of bonds of the Authority. The use and disposition of any sinking or reserve fund shall be subject to regulation as may be provided in the resolution or trust indenture authorizing the issuance of the bonds. Subject to provisions of any resolution or trust authorizing the issuance of bonds any moneys in any such sinking fund in excess of an amount equal to one year's interest on the bonds then outstanding secured by such sinking fund may be applied to the purchase or redemption of bonds. All such bonds so redeemed or purchased shall forthwith be cancelled and shall not again be issued. The Authority shall not charge a toll for a motor vehicle of the first division, as defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code, pulling a trailer, as defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code, with no more than 2 axles at a rate higher than an amount calculated by multiplying the toll charged to passenger vehicles using an I-PASS device by the total number of axles on the trailer. This toll rate set by 1

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this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly applies to both a driver who uses an I-PASS device and a driver who uses cash to pay tolls. No person shall be permitted to use any toll highway without paying the toll established under this Section except when on official Toll Highway Authority business which includes police and other emergency vehicles. However, any law enforcement agency vehicle, fire department vehicle, public or private ambulance service vehicle engaged in the performance of an emergency service or duty that necessitates the use of the toll highway system, or other emergency vehicle that is plainly marked shall not be required to pay a toll to use a toll highway. A law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services officer driving a law enforcement, fire protection, emergency services agency vehicle, or public or private ambulance service vehicle engaging in the performance of emergency services or duties that is not plainly marked must present an Official Permit Card which the law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services officer receives from his or her law enforcement, fire protection, emergency services agency, or public or private ambulance service in order to use a toll highway without paying the toll. A law enforcement, fire protection, emergency services agency, or or private ambulance service public engaging in performance of emergency services or duties must apply to the Authority to receive a permit, and the Authority shall adopt rules for the issuance of a permit, that allows public or

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private ambulance service vehicles engaged in the performance of emergency services or duties that necessitate the use of the toll highway system and all law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services agency vehicles of the law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services agency to use any toll highway without paying the toll established under this Section. The Authority shall maintain in its office a list of all persons that are authorized to use any toll highway without charge when on official business of the Authority and such list shall be open to the public for inspection. In recognition of the unique role of public transportation in providing effective transportation in the Authority's service region, and to give effect to the exemption set forth in subsection (b) of Section 2.06 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act, the following vehicles may use any toll highway without paying the toll: (1) a vehicle owned or operated by the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority that is being used to transport passengers for hire; and (2) any revenue vehicle that is owned or operated by a Mass Transit District created under Section 3 of the Local Mass Transit District Act and running regular scheduled service.

Among other matters, this amendatory Act of 1990 is intended to clarify and confirm the prior intent of the General Assembly to allow toll revenues from the toll highway system to be used to pay a portion of the cost of the construction of the North-South Toll Highway authorized by

- 1 Senate Joint Resolution 122 of the 83rd General Assembly in
- 2 1984.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 100-739, eff. 1-1-19.)
- 4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 5 becoming law.