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AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 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 Authority shall have power:

8 (a) To enter upon lands, waters and premises in the State 9 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 12 be a trespass, nor shall an entry for such purpose be deemed an 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.

(c) To provide for the collection of tolls and charges for the privilege of using the said toll highways. Before it adopts an increase in the rates for toll, the Authority shall hold a public hearing at which any person may appear, express HB2581 Engrossed - 2 - LRB100 10172 AXK 20353 b

opinions, suggestions, or objections, or direct inquiries 1 2 relating to the proposed increase. Any person may submit a written statement to the Authority at the hearing, whether 3 appearing in person or not. The hearing shall be held in the 4 5 county in which the proposed increase of the rates is to take place. The Authority shall give notice of the hearing by 6 7 advertisement on 3 successive days at least 15 days prior to 8 the date of the hearing in a daily newspaper of general 9 circulation within the county within which the hearing is held. 10 The notice shall state the date, time, and place of the 11 hearing, shall contain a description of the proposed increase, 12 and shall specify how interested persons may obtain copies of 13 any reports, resolutions, or certificates describing the basis 14 on which the proposed change, alteration, or modification was 15 calculated. After consideration of any statements filed or oral 16 opinions, suggestions, objections, or inquiries made at the 17 hearing, the Authority may proceed to adopt the proposed increase of the rates for toll. No change or alteration in or 18 modification of the rates for toll shall be effective unless at 19 20 least 30 days prior to the effective date of such rates notice thereof shall be given to the public by publication in a 21 22 newspaper of general circulation, and such notice, or notices, 23 thereof shall be posted and publicly displayed at each and every toll station upon or along said toll highways. 24

(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 or 1 2 highways intersected by the said toll highways, and to change and adjust the lines and grades thereof so as to accommodate 3 the same to the design of such grade separation and to 4 5 construct interchange improvements. The Authority is authorized to provide such grade separations or interchange 6 7 improvements at its own cost or to enter into contracts or agreements with reference to division of cost therefor with any 8 9 municipality or political subdivision of the State of Illinois, 10 or with the Federal Government, or any agency thereof, or with 11 any corporation, individual, firm, person or association. 12 Where such structures have been or will be built by the Authority, the and a local highway agency or municipality with 13 jurisdiction shall enter into an agreement with the Authority 14 for the ongoing maintenance of the structures. did not enter 15 16 into an agreement to the contrary, the Authority shall maintain 17 the entire structure, including the road surface, at the Authority's expense. 18

19 (e) To contract with and grant concessions to or lease or 20 license to any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation so desiring the use of any part of any toll 21 22 highways, excluding the paved portion thereof, but including 23 the right of way adjoining, under, or over said paved portion for the placing of telephone, telegraph, electric, power lines 24 25 and other utilities, and for the placing of pipe lines, and to 26 enter into operating agreements with or to contract with and

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grant concessions to or to lease to any person, partnership, 1 2 firm, association or corporation so desiring the use of any 3 part of the toll highways, excluding the paved portion thereof, but including the right of way adjoining, or over said paved 4 5 portion for motor fuel service stations and facilities, garages, stores and restaurants, or for any other lawful 6 purpose, and to fix the terms, conditions, rents, rates and 7 8 charges for such use.

9 By January 1, 2016, the Authority shall construct and 10 maintain at least one electric vehicle charging station at any 11 location where the Authority has entered into an agreement with 12 any entity pursuant to this subsection (e) for the purposes of 13 providing motor fuel service stations and facilities, garages, stores, or restaurants. The Authority shall charge a fee for 14 the use of these charging stations to offset the costs of 15 16 constructing and maintaining these charging stations. The 17 Authority shall adopt rules to implement the erection, user fees, and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations 18 19 pursuant to this subsection (e).

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 HB2581 Engrossed - 5 - LRB100 10172 AXK 20353 b

determine that it is necessary that any such public utility 1 2 facilities which now are located in, on, along, over or under 3 any project or projects be relocated or removed entirely from any such project or projects, the public utility owning or 4 5 operating such facilities shall relocate or remove the same in accordance with the order of the Authority. All costs and 6 7 expenses of such relocation or removal, including the cost of 8 installing such facilities in a new location or locations, and 9 the cost of any land or lands, or interest in land, or any 10 other rights required to accomplish such relocation or removal 11 shall be ascertained and paid by the Authority as a part of the 12 cost of any such project or projects, and further, there shall 13 be no rent, fee or other charge of any kind imposed upon the 14 public utility owning or operating any facilities ordered 15 relocated on the properties of the said Authority and the said 16 Authority shall grant to the said public utility owning or 17 operating said facilities and its successors and assigns the right to operate the same in the new location or locations for 18 as long a period and upon the same terms and conditions as it 19 20 had the right to maintain and operate such facilities in their former location or locations. 21

(f) To enter into an intergovernmental agreement or contract with a unit of local government or other public or private entity for the collection, enforcement, and administration of tolls, fees, revenue, and violations.

26 The General Assembly finds that electronic toll collection

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1 systems in Illinois should be standardized to promote safety, 2 efficiency, and traveler convenience. The Authority shall 3 cooperate with other public and private entities to further the goal of standardized toll collection in Illinois and is 4 authorized to provide toll collection and toll violation 5 6 enforcement services to such entities when doing so is in the 7 best interest of the Authority and consistent with its obligations under Section 23 of this Act. 8

9 (Source: P.A. 97-252, eff. 8-4-11; 98-442, eff. 1-1-14.)