

HB2546



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2546

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

605 ILCS 10/19

from Ch. 121, par. 100-19

Amends the Toll Highway Act. Provides that a person is permitted to use a toll highway without paying the toll on August 7 of each year, the designated Purple Heart Day, if the person is displaying a Purple Heart license plate on his or her vehicle. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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. Toll rates. The Authority shall fix and revise
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
10 Act. Such tolls shall be so fixed and adjusted at rates
11 calculated to provide the lowest reasonable toll rates that
12 will provide funds sufficient with other revenues of the
13 Authority to pay, (a) the cost of the construction of a toll
14 highway authorized by joint resolution of the General Assembly
15 pursuant to Section 14.1 and the reconstruction, major repairs
16 or 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 (c)
19 the principal of all bonds, interest thereon and all sinking
20 fund requirements and other requirements provided by
21 resolutions authorizing the issuance of the bonds as they shall
22 become due. In fixing the toll rates pursuant to this Section
23 19 and Section 10(c) of this Act, the Authority shall take into

1 account the effect of the provisions of this Section 19
2 permitting the use of the toll highway system without payment
3 of the covenants of the Authority contained in the resolutions
4 and trust indentures authorizing the issuance of bonds of the
5 Authority. No such provision permitting the use of the toll
6 highway system without payment of tolls after the date of this
7 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be applied in
8 a manner that impairs the rights of bondholders pursuant to any
9 resolution or trust indentures authorizing the issuance of
10 bonds of the Authority. The use and disposition of any sinking
11 or reserve fund shall be subject to such regulation as may be
12 provided in the resolution or trust indenture authorizing the
13 issuance of the bonds. Subject to the provisions of any
14 resolution or trust indenture authorizing the issuance of bonds
15 any moneys in any such sinking fund in excess of an amount
16 equal to one year's interest on the bonds then outstanding
17 secured by such sinking fund may be applied to the purchase or
18 redemption of bonds. All such bonds so redeemed or purchased
19 shall forthwith be cancelled and shall not again be issued. No
20 person shall be permitted to use any toll highway without
21 paying the toll established under this Section except: (i) when
22 on official Toll Highway Authority business which includes
23 police and other emergency vehicles; or (ii) for a vehicle
24 displaying a Purple Heart special registration license plate
25 issued under Section 3-623 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, on
26 August 7 of each year, the designated Purple Heart Day.

1 However, any law enforcement agency vehicle, fire department
2 vehicle, public or private ambulance service vehicle engaged in
3 the performance of an emergency service or duty that
4 necessitates the use of the toll highway system, or other
5 emergency vehicle that is plainly marked shall not be required
6 to pay a toll to use a toll highway. A law enforcement, fire
7 protection, or emergency services officer driving a law
8 enforcement, fire protection, emergency services agency
9 vehicle, or public or private ambulance service vehicle
10 engaging in the performance of emergency services or duties
11 that is not plainly marked must present an Official Permit Card
12 which the law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency
13 services officer receives from his or her law enforcement, fire
14 protection, emergency services agency, or public or private
15 ambulance service in order to use a toll highway without paying
16 the toll. A law enforcement, fire protection, emergency
17 services agency, or public or private ambulance service
18 engaging in the performance of emergency services or duties
19 must apply to the Authority to receive a permit, and the
20 Authority shall adopt rules for the issuance of a permit, that
21 allows public or private ambulance service vehicles engaged in
22 the performance of emergency services or duties that
23 necessitate the use of the toll highway system and all law
24 enforcement, fire protection, or emergency services agency
25 vehicles of the law enforcement, fire protection, or emergency
26 services agency to use any toll highway without paying the toll

1 established under this Section. The Authority shall maintain in
2 its office a list of all persons that are authorized to use any
3 toll highway without charge when on official business of the
4 Authority and such list shall be open to the public for
5 inspection. In recognition of the unique role of public
6 transportation in providing effective transportation in the
7 Authority's service region, and to give effect to the exemption
8 set forth in subsection (b) of Section 2.06 of the Regional
9 Transportation Authority Act, the following vehicles may use
10 any toll highway without paying the toll: (1) a vehicle owned
11 or operated by the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional
12 Transportation Authority that is being used to transport
13 passengers for hire; and (2) any revenue vehicle that is owned
14 or operated by a Mass Transit District created under Section 3
15 of the Local Mass Transit District Act and running regular
16 scheduled service.

17 Among other matters, this amendatory Act of 1990 is
18 intended to clarify and confirm the prior intent of the General
19 Assembly to allow toll revenues from the toll highway system to
20 be used to pay a portion of the cost of the construction of the
21 North-South Toll Highway authorized by Senate Joint Resolution
22 122 of the 83rd General Assembly in 1984.

23 (Source: P.A. 100-739, eff. 1-1-19.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.