

AN ACT concerning government.

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

Section 5. The Toll Bridge Act is amended by changing Section 7 as follows:

(605 ILCS 115/7) (from Ch. 137, par. 7)

Sec. 7. Toll rates; electronic toll collection.

(a) The county board shall fix the rates of toll, and may from time to time, alter and change the same, including by establishing a toll rate schedule, setting a maximum toll rate that may be adjusted from time to time, or by establishing another toll rate structure, and in case of the neglect of the owner of the bridge to keep the same in proper repair and safe for the crossing of persons and property, may prohibit the taking of toll.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the county board may enter into an agreement establishing a toll rate schedule for a period not to exceed 99 years. This amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly is declarative of existing law and shall be given retroactive effect.

(c) Except as regarding toll bridges or as otherwise provided by law, nothing in Public Act 101-398 ~~this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly~~ shall be construed to

authorize a county, municipality, local government, or private operator to impose a toll upon any public road, street, or highway; nor shall any provision of Public Act 101-398 ~~this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly~~ be construed to authorize, pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement or otherwise, the imposition of any toll upon any public road, street, or highway.

(d) The General Assembly finds that electronic toll collection systems in Illinois should be standardized to promote safety, efficiency, and traveler convenience. If electronic toll collection is used on such bridge, the county shall cause the configuration of the electronic toll collection system to be compatible with the electronic toll collection system used by the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority. The municipality or private operator may enter into an agreement with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to provide for such compatibility or to have the Authority provide electronic toll collection or toll violation enforcement services. Any toll bridges in Winnebago County that are in operation and collecting tolls on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly are exempt from the provisions of the Act.

(Source: P.A. 101-398, eff. 8-16-19.)

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