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 adding Section 32.1 as follows:

(605 ILCS 10/32.1 new)

Sec. 32.1. Power to construct railroad tracks. Upon written approval by the Governor, the Authority may exercise any powers that exist under this Act on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly to design and construct new railroad tracks. The Authority may charge an access fee to any passenger or freight rail operator who wishes to use tracks which the Authority has constructed using the powers granted by this Section. Moneys in the Road Fund may not be used to implement this Section. Authorization must be granted to the Authority for each individual and distinct railroad track project.

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