

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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**Sponsored by Senators HAINES, McNAMARA, Ciesla,
Cardinale and Adler**

1 **AN ACT** concerning the collection of tolls on certain projects of the
2 State's toll road authorities and supplementing Title 27 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. As used in sections 2 through 6 of this act:

9 "Automatic Vehicle Identification" or "AVI" means an electronic
10 identification system employing radio frequency transponder tags or
11 cards to identify motor vehicles traveling through toll barriers, thereby
12 allowing motorists to pass through toll barriers without stopping and
13 enabling a computerized toll collection system to debit a prepaid
14 account, to send itemized toll bills or to charge to credit cards
15 automatically.

16 "New Jersey Highway Authority" or "authority" means the public
17 body established under section 4 of P.L.1952, c.16 (C.27:12B-4) or its
18 successor.

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20 2. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
21 authority shall, within one year of the effective date of this act, enter
22 into an agreement with a vendor or vendors to implement an automatic
23 vehicle identification system utilizing an automated system of toll
24 collection for transit over or use of any toll road or highway project
25 acquired or constructed by it.

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27 3. At each barrier toll or ramp toll, the authority shall reserve one
28 or more AVI toll lanes for the use of motorists who participate in an
29 AVI system established pursuant to section 2 of this act.

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31 4. Authorized representatives of the authority shall meet and
32 consult with representatives of the other toll road authorities to ensure
33 that the AVI system implemented by the authority pursuant to section
34 2 of this act is complementary with, or the same as, the AVI systems
35 to be implemented by the other toll road authorities pursuant to
36 sections 8 and 12 of this act.

1 5. The authority shall within one year of the effective date of this
2 act prepare a report to the Legislature, copies of which are to be
3 submitted to the Senate Transportation Committee and the Assembly
4 Transportation and Communications Committee, addressing lane
5 configuration, including the feasibility of one-way tolls under the AVI
6 system and progress on the implementation of the AVI system.

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8 6. The authority shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail
9 itself of the services of such employees of any State, county or
10 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may
11 require and as may be available to it for its purposes, in order to
12 effectuate the purposes of this act.

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14 7. As used in sections 8 through 10 of this act:

15 "Automatic Vehicle Identification" or "AVI" means an electronic
16 identification system employing radio frequency transponder tags or
17 cards to identify motor vehicles traveling through toll barriers, thereby
18 allowing motorists to pass through toll barriers without stopping and
19 enabling a computerized toll collection system to debit a prepaid
20 account, to send itemized toll bills or to charge to credit cards
21 automatically.

22 "New Jersey Turnpike Authority" or "authority" means the public
23 body established under section 3 of P.L.1948, c.454 (C.27:23-3) or its
24 successor.

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26 8. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
27 the authority shall, within one year of the effective date of this act,
28 enter into an agreement with a vendor or vendors to implement an
29 automatic vehicle identification system utilizing an automated system
30 of toll collection for transit over or use of any toll road or turnpike
31 project acquired or constructed by it where the payment of tolls is
32 permitted by law.

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34 9. Authorized representatives of the authority shall meet and
35 consult with representatives of the other toll road authorities to ensure
36 that the AVI system implemented by the authority pursuant to section
37 8 of this act is complementary with, or the same as, the AVI systems
38 to be implemented by the other toll road authorities pursuant to
39 sections 2 and 12 of this act.

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41 10. The authority shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail
42 itself of the services of such employees of any State, county, or
43 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may
44 require and as may be available to it for its purposes, in order to
45 effectuate the purposes of this act.

1 11. As used in sections 12 through 14 of this act:

2 "Automatic Vehicle Identification" or "AVI" means an electronic
3 identification system employing radio frequency transponder tags or
4 cards to identify motor vehicles traveling through toll barriers, thereby
5 allowing motorists to pass through toll barriers without stopping and
6 enabling a computerized toll collection system to debit a prepaid
7 account, to send itemized toll bills or to charge to credit cards
8 automatically.

9 "South Jersey Transportation Authority" or "authority" means the
10 public body established under section 4 of P.L.1991, c.252 (C.27:25A-
11 4) or its successor.

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13 12. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary,
14 the authority shall, within one year of the effective date of this act,
15 enter into an agreement with a vendor or vendors to implement an
16 automatic vehicle identification system utilizing an automated system
17 of toll collection for transit over or use of any toll road or expressway
18 project acquired or constructed by it.

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20 13. Authorized representatives of the authority shall meet and
21 consult with representatives of the other toll road authorities to ensure
22 that the AVI system implemented by the authority pursuant to section
23 12 of this act is complementary with, or the same as, the AVI systems
24 to be implemented by the other toll road authorities pursuant to
25 sections 2 and 8 of this act.

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27 14. The authority shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail
28 itself of the services of such employees of any State, county or
29 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may
30 require and as may be available to it for its purposes, in order to
31 effectuate the purposes of this act.

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33 15. This act shall take effect immediately.

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39 Requires toll road authorities to enter into agreements to implement
40 complementary or the same automatic vehicle identification system for
electronic collection of tolls.