

HOUSE BILL No. 5801

April 22, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Shackleton, Brown, Milosch, Walker, Sak, Casperson and Ward and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1952 PA 214, entitled

"An act authorizing the Mackinac bridge authority to acquire a bridge connecting the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan, including causeways, tunnels, roads and all useful related equipment and facilities, including park, parking, recreation, lighting and terminal facilities; extending the corporate existence of the authority; authorizing such authority to enjoy and carry out all powers incident to its corporate objects; authorizing the appropriation and use of state funds for the preliminary purposes of the authority; providing for the payment of the cost of such bridge and in that connection authorizing the authority to issue revenue bonds payable solely from the revenues of the bridge; granting the right of condemnation to the authority; granting the use of state land and property to the authority; making provisions for the payment and security of such bonds and granting certain rights and remedies to the holders thereof; authorizing banks and trust companies to perform certain acts in connection therewith; authorizing the imposition of tolls and charges; authorizing the authority to secure the consent of the United States government to the construction of the bridge and to secure approval of plans, specifications and location of same; authorizing employment of engineers irrespective of whether such engineers have been previously employed to make preliminary inspections or reports with respect to the bridge; authorizing the state highway department to operate and maintain such bridge or to contribute thereto and enter into leases and agreements in connection therewith; exempting such bonds and the property of the authority from taxation; prohibiting competing traffic

facilities; authorizing the operation of ferries by the authority; providing for the construction and use of certain buildings; and making an appropriation,"

by amending section 12 (MCL 254.322), as amended by 2003 PA 176.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 12. Except as provided in this section, all
2 individuals or vehicles using the bridge shall pay tolls and
3 charges established by the authority. The authority shall not
4 charge tolls or charges to its own personnel or vehicles while
5 the personnel are on duty or while the vehicles are being used
6 for authority business. Beginning October 1, 2003, the authority
7 shall not charge tolls or charges to authorized emergency
8 vehicles that are in the process of responding to an emergency.
9 As used in this section, "authorized emergency vehicles" means
10 that term as defined in section 2 of the Michigan vehicle code,
11 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.2. **Violation of this section by failure to**
12 **pay toll is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more**
13 **than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.**