

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 897**

A bill to amend 1846 RS 16, entitled  
"Of the powers and duties of townships, the election and duties of  
township officers, and the division of townships,"  
(MCL 41.1a to 41.110c) by adding section 2b.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 2b. (1) A township with a population between 10,000 and**  
2 **15,000, located in a county with a population greater than**  
3 **1,500,000, may acquire, own, or operate, within or outside the**  
4 **township's corporate limits, a public service facility that**  
5 **provides transportation to the township and the township's**  
6 **inhabitants.**

7           **(2) A township that owns or operates a public service facility**  
8 **that provides transportation to the township and the township's**



1 inhabitants may charge a user fee.

2 (3) To be eligible to receive state and federal money related  
3 to owning or operating a bridge, a township that owns or operates a  
4 public service facility must implement an inspection program that  
5 complies with the federal requirements for bridge inspection  
6 standards under 23 USC 144 for all bridges owned or operated by the  
7 township.

8 (4) As used in this section:

9 (a) "Public service facility" means a bridge, a roadway or  
10 ramp that supports the bridge, and any other equipment, building,  
11 structure, parking area, appurtenance, or other real or personal  
12 property necessary or desirable for and any future construction to  
13 replace a bridge, the roadway or ramp that supports the bridge, and  
14 any other equipment, building, structure, parking area,  
15 appurtenance, or other real or personal property that is necessary  
16 for the bridge.

17 (b) "User fee" means a toll, consumption charge, rent, license  
18 fee, or another similar or ancillary charge that is related to the  
19 use or purchase of a public service facility. User fee includes,  
20 but is not limited to, a fee or charge for creating, maintaining,  
21 administering, billing, and collecting an account.

