

SENATE BILL NO. 517

September 12, 2019, Introduced by Senator BIZON and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled

"An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the

truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by amending the title, as amended by 2010 PA 135, and by adding section 10r.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 TITLE
 2 An act to provide for the classification of all public roads,
 3 streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that
 4 classification and for additions to and deletions from each

1 classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation
2 fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation
3 fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels;
4 to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan
5 transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for
6 transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for
7 motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal
8 users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the
9 truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the
10 truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety
11 purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety
12 commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for
13 certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of
14 transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state
15 transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow
16 money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation
17 purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of
18 deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this
19 act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and
20 security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations
21 and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to
22 authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide
23 for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line
24 fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and
25 certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk
26 line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund,
27 and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees;
28 to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and
29 criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation

1 funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund
2 grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation
3 programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests
4 and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of
5 certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to
6 provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation
7 purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and
8 local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans
9 for transportation purposes by the state transportation department
10 and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of
11 those loans from certain specified sources; **to investigate and**
12 **study the tolling of certain roads, streets, highways, or bridges;**
13 and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

14 **Sec. 10r. (1) Not later than October 1, 2019, the department**
15 **shall engage an outside consulting firm to conduct a feasibility**
16 **study on tolling the interstate highways, including revenue**
17 **projections based on an analysis of optimal tolling rates, vehicle**
18 **counts and types by state of registration, and traffic diversion.**

19 (2) The feasibility study described in subsection (1) must
20 consider all of the following:

21 (a) The economic impact and feasibility of tolling particular
22 interstate highways.

23 (b) The ability to provide discounts or credits, or otherwise
24 lessen the impact of tolling on local, commuter, and in-state
25 operators.

26 (c) Information related to the number and impact of out-of-
27 state operators expected to use interstate highways in this state.

28 (d) The rationale for the federal authorization of any tolling
29 plan that may be submitted by this state to the United States

1 Department of Transportation.

2 (e) The optimal levels at which tolls may reasonably be
3 expected to be set for passenger vehicles and other vehicles.

4 (f) Appropriate tolling rules regarding population center
5 local traffic.

6 (g) This state's ability to enter into monetization agreements
7 or long-term contracts for initial construction, long-term
8 maintenance, installation, and operation of tolling facilities.

9 (h) Any estimates of which highway facilities would be
10 conducive to tolling operations.

11 (i) Goals for participation by woman-owned and minority-owned
12 business enterprises.

13 (j) Ways to maximize the use of Michigan workers and products
14 made in this state.

15 (3) A written report on the feasibility study shall be
16 delivered before January 1, 2021 to the governor, the senate
17 majority leader, the senate minority leader, the speaker of the
18 house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of
19 representatives, the chairpersons of the senate and house of
20 representatives standing committees on transportation, and the
21 senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on
22 transportation.

23 (4) If, after review of the feasibility study, the governor
24 determines that tolling is the best means of achieving major
25 interstate system improvements in this state, the governor shall
26 create a strategic plan for tolling interstate highways and submit
27 the strategic plan to the senate majority leader, the senate
28 minority leader, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
29 minority leader of the house of representatives, the chairpersons

1 of the senate and house of representatives standing committees on
2 transportation, and the senate and house of representatives
3 appropriations subcommittees on transportation before March 1,
4 2021.