

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4869

June 28, 2023, Introduced by Reps. DeSana, Carra, Maddock, Smit, Prestin, DeBoyer, Cavitt, Friske and Markkanen and referred to the Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1952 PA 214, entitled

"An act authorizing the Mackinac bridge authority to acquire a bridge and a utility tunnel 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 the 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 the bridge and 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 bonds and granting certain rights

and remedies to the holders of bonds; authorizing banks and trust companies to perform certain acts in connection with the payment and security of bonds; 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 the bridge; authorizing employment of engineers regardless of whether those engineers have been previously employed to make preliminary inspections or reports with respect to the bridge; authorizing the state transportation department to operate and maintain the bridge or to contribute to the bridge and enter into leases and agreements in connection with the bridge; exempting bonds and the property of the authority from taxation; prohibiting competing traffic facilities; authorizing the operation of ferries by the authority; authorizing the creation of the Mackinac Straits corridor authority; authorizing the operation of a utility tunnel by the authority or the Mackinac Straits corridor authority; providing for the construction and use of certain buildings; and making an appropriation,"

by amending section 12 (MCL 254.322), as amended by 2004 PA 336.

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

1           Sec. 12. **(1)** 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 the  
5 personnel are on duty or while the vehicles are being used for  
6 authority business. ~~Beginning October 1, 2003, the~~

7           **(2)** ~~The~~ authority shall not charge tolls or charges to  
8 authorized emergency vehicles that are in the process of responding  
9 to an emergency. ~~As used in this section, "authorized emergency~~  
10 ~~vehicles" means that term as defined in section 2 of the Michigan~~  
11 ~~vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.2. Beginning November 1, 2004, a~~  
12 ~~violation of~~

13           **(3)** ~~Before the effective date of the amendatory act that added~~  
14 ~~subsection (4), an individual who violates this section by failure~~

1 **failing** to pay a toll is **guilty of** a misdemeanor punishable by  
2 imprisonment for not more than 30 days or a fine of not more than  
3 \$500.00, or both.

4 (4) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that  
5 added this subsection, the authority shall not charge tolls or  
6 charges to any individual or vehicle for using the bridge.

7 (5) As used in this section, "authorized emergency vehicle"  
8 means that term as defined in section 2 of the Michigan vehicle  
9 code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.2.