

SENATE BILL No. 500

June 28, 1989, Introduced by Senators O'BRIEN, CONROY, FESSLER, CHERRY, GEO. HART, V. SMITH, IRWIN and FAXON and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend the title and section 1 of Act No. 214 of the Public Acts of 1952, 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; and making an appropriation,"

being section 254.311 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. The title and section 1 of Act No. 214 of the
2 Public Acts of 1952, being section 254.311 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4	TITLE
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5 An act authorizing the G. MENNEN WILLIAMS Mackinac bridge
6 authority to acquire a bridge connecting the upper and lower pen-
7 insulas of Michigan, including causeways, tunnels, roads and all
8 useful related equipment and facilities, including park, parking,
9 recreation, lighting and terminal facilities; extending the cor-
10 porate existence of the authority; authorizing such authority to
11 enjoy and carry out all powers incident to its corporate objects;
12 authorizing the appropriation and use of state funds for the pre-
13 liminary purposes of the authority; providing for the payment of
14 the cost of such bridge and in that connection authorizing the
15 authority to issue revenue bonds payable solely from the revenues
16 of the bridge; granting the right of condemnation to the authori-
17 ty; granting the use of state land and property to the authority;
18 making provisions for the payment and security of such bonds and
19 granting certain rights and remedies to the holders thereof;
20 authorizing banks and trust companies to perform certain acts in
21 connection therewith; authorizing the imposition of tolls and
22 charges; authorizing the authority to secure the consent of the

1 United States government to the construction of the bridge and to
2 secure approval of plans, specifications and location of same;
3 authorizing employment of engineers irrespective of whether such
4 engineers have been previously employed to make preliminary
5 inspections or reports with respect to the bridge; authorizing
6 the state ~~highway~~ TRANSPORTATION department to operate and
7 maintain such bridge or to contribute thereto and enter into
8 leases and agreements in connection therewith; exempting such
9 bonds and the property of the authority from taxation; prohibit-
10 ing competing traffic facilities; authorizing the operation of
11 ferries by the authority; and making an appropriation.

12 Sec. 1. As used in this act: ~~the following words and~~
13 ~~terms shall have the following meanings.~~

14 (a) ~~The word "authority" shall mean~~ "AUTHORITY" MEANS the
15 G. MENNEN WILLIAMS Mackinac bridge authority created by Act
16 No. 21 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1950, being
17 sections 254.301 to 254.304 ~~, inclusive,~~ of the MICHIGAN
18 Compiled Laws. ~~of 1948.~~

19 (b) ~~The word "board" shall refer to~~ "BOARD" MEANS the mem-
20 bers of the GOVERNING BODY OF THE authority.

21 (c) ~~The word "bridge" shall mean~~ "BRIDGE" MEANS the
22 project for the acquisition of which this act ~~is adopted~~ WAS
23 ENACTED and shall mean a bridge or structure extending from the
24 ~~upper peninsula~~ UPPER PENINSULA to the ~~lower peninsula~~ LOWER
25 PENINSULA of Michigan, ~~and shall be understood to include~~
26 INCLUDING all of the following forming any part ~~thereof~~ or
27 connected with or used or useful in the operation ~~thereof,~~ OF

1 THE BRIDGE: causeways, bridges, tunnels, roads, fills and
2 approaches, or any combination thereof, parking space and facili-
3 ties, park and recreation facilities, lighting facilities, termi-
4 nal facilities consisting of areas, structures and buildings in
5 ~~which~~ WHICH rest rooms, waiting rooms, restaurant and similar
6 facilities and other accommodations for the traveling public may
7 be installed, including all fixtures, utility lines, accessories
8 and equipment relating to any or all of the above, ~~and~~
9 ~~including~~ the improvement and beautification of such terminal
10 areas at each end of the structure as may be designed to increase
11 the use thereof, and ~~including in all of the foregoing~~ all real
12 and personal property, tangible or intangible, licenses, fran-
13 chises, easements and rights-of-way necessary thereto.

14 (d) ~~The term "cost"~~ "COST of the bridge" shall include all
15 expenditures made in connection with the acquisition and con-
16 struction ~~thereof~~ OF THE BRIDGE, financing charges, interest to
17 accrue on the bonds during the period occupied by the construc-
18 tion of the bridge and for such period thereafter as may be
19 determined by the board, the aggregate of such periods, however,
20 not to exceed 7 years, cost of engineering and legal expenses,
21 plans, specifications and surveys, other expenses necessary or
22 incidental to determining the feasibility of the project, the
23 cost of all land, property, rights, easements and franchises,
24 reimbursement of all money which may have been heretofore or may
25 hereafter be paid or advanced by the state of Michigan or any of
26 its agencies, departments or subdivisions for any of the

1 foregoing, and all other expenses properly incident to the
2 acquisition of the bridge and the issuance of the bonds.

3 (e) ~~The words "the"~~ "THE state" shall mean the state of
4 Michigan.

5 (f) ~~The words "the"~~ "THE bonds" shall mean all bonds autho-
6 rized to be issued by this act.

7 (g) ~~The words "to"~~ "TO construct" shall mean to acquire
8 through construction, purchase, gift, condemnation, or any combi-
9 nation thereof.

10 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
11 Senate Bill No. 497
12 of the 85th Legislature is enacted into law.