

27:12D-5; 27:12D-6

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

WJSA 27:12D-5, 27:12D-6 (Easton-Phillipsburg Bridge (proposed) -
to be a toll bridge)

LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 214

Bill No. S181

Sponsor(s) Dumont

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Sponsor statement	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senate	Yes	No
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Veto message	Yes	No
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Following were printed:

Reports	Yes	No
Hearings	Yes	No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill would authorize the operation of the proposed Easton-Phillipsburg bridge (Interstate Route 78) as a toll bridge.

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SENATE, No. 181

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1978 SESSION

By Senator DUMONT

AN ACT to amend ***and supplement*** "An act concerning highways and bridges over the Delaware river, the responsibilities of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and the New Jersey Department of Transportation with regard to the construction of additional river crossings and supplementing Titles 27 and 32 of the Revised Statutes," approved June 25, 1968 (P. L. 1968, c. 118).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 ***[1. Section 3 of P. L. 1968, c. 118 (C. 27:12D-3) is amended to*
2 *read as follows:*

3 3. In carrying out the provisions of this act, the Department of
4 Transportation may enter into an agreement with the Delaware
5 River Joint Toll Bridge Commission for the purposes of construct-
6 ing bridges and approaches over the Delaware river in the vicinity
7 of Burlington-Bristol and Easton-Phillipsburg. The cost of such
8 construction shall be the responsibility of the States and the
9 Federal Government and not the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge
10 Commission. The nonfederal share of the cost shall be divided
11 equally between the States. Upon completion, the bridges shall be
12 owned by the State of New Jersey and the Commonwealth of Penn-
13 sylvania equally **[and such bridges]**. *The Burlington-Bristol*
14 *bridge shall be maintained and operated by the Delaware River*
15 *Joint Toll Bridge Commission as a toll-free **[facilities]** facility and*
16 *the Easton-Phillipsburg bridge shall be maintained and operated*
17 *by the commission in a manner which will not violate any existing*
18 *covenant of the commission made for the protection of holders of*
19 *its outstanding bridge revenue bonds, and in accordance with the*
20 *laws applicable to other State-owned bridges within the jurisdiction*
21 *of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission.]***

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

22 **1. (New section) Notwithstanding any provisions to the
23 contrary of the act to which this act is amendatory and supple-
24 mentary, the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission may,
25 if it so agrees, construct the proposed Easton-Phillipsburg bridge
26 and operate the same as a toll facility, provided that tolls are re-
27 moved from the existing Easton-Phillipsburg bridge.**

1 2. Section 5 of P. L. 1968, c. 118 (C. 27 :12D-5) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act, the construction
4 and operation of the [toll-free] bridges authorized herein shall be
5 carried out in a manner which will not violate any existing covenant
6 of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission made for the
7 protection of holders of its outstanding Bridge Revenue Bonds and
8 [such bridges] **[the Easton-Phillipsburg bridge]** **such
9 bridges** shall not be opened to traffic **[as a toll-free bridge]**
10 until all such outstanding Bridge Revenue Bonds shall have been
11 retired by payment, purchase or redemption, or provision for such
12 retirement shall have been duly made, or unless the holders of such
13 Bridge Revenue Bonds for which provision for retirement shall
14 not have been made shall have consented in writing to such bridge
15 opening.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately **upon the enactment*
2 *into law by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of legislation*
3 *having an identical effect with the provisions of this act, and upon*
4 *approval by the Federal Highway Administration.**

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 181

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with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 19, 1979

This bill authorizes the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission to construct and finance the construction of the proposed Easton-Phillipsburg Bridge and to operate said bridge as a toll bridge.

This act shall take effect immediately upon the enactment into law by Pennsylvania of legislation having an identical effect with the provisions of this act, and upon approval by the Federal Highway Administration.