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(Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge
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LAWS OF: 1994 **CHAPTER:** 173

BILL NO: A1229

SPONSOR(S): DeCroce and Catania

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COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Transportation and Communication
SENATE: Transportation

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SENATE: November 10, 1994

DATE OF APPROVAL: December 20, 1994

FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes
SENATE: Yes

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FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

REPORTS: No

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P.L.1994, CHAPTER 173, approved December 20, 1994
1994 Assembly No. 1229

1 AN ACT concerning the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge
2 Commission and amending R.S.32:8-2, R.S.32:8-3 and
3 R.S.32:8-10, authorizing the Governor, on behalf of the State
4 of New Jersey to enter into a supplemental compact or
5 agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending
6 the compact or agreement between the State of New Jersey
7 and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "Agreement
8 between the State of New Jersey and the Commonwealth of
9 Pennsylvania creating the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge
10 Commission as a body corporate and politic and defining its
11 powers and duties," as amended and supplemented, and
12 authorizing the Governor to apply, on behalf of the State of
13 New Jersey, to the Congress of the United States for its
14 consent to such supplemental compact or agreement.
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16 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
17 State of New Jersey:

18 1. The Governor is authorized to enter into a supplemental
19 compact or agreement, on behalf of the State of New Jersey,
20 with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania amending Articles I, II,
21 and IX of the compact or agreement between the Commonwealth
22 of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey entitled "Agreement
23 Between the State of New Jersey and the Commonwealth of
24 Pennsylvania creating the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge
25 Commission as a body corporate and politic and defining its
26 powers and duties," as set forth in this 1993 amendatory act.

27 2. Article I of the "Agreement Between the State of New
28 Jersey and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania creating the
29 Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission as a body corporate
30 and politic and defining its power and duties," as amended and
31 supplemented (R.S.32:8-1 et seq.), is amended to read as follows:

32 R.S.32:8-2. There is hereby created a body corporate and
33 politic, to be known as the "Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge
34 Commission" (hereinafter in this agreement called the
35 "commission"), which shall consist of the commissioners, on
36 behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, provided for by the
37 act, approved the eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred
38 and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred forty-eight), and its
39 supplements and amendments, for the acquisition of toll bridges
40 over the Delaware river, and of commissioners, on behalf of the
41 State of New Jersey, provided for by the act, approved the first
42 day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twelve (Chapter two

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 hundred ninety-seven), and its supplements and amendments, for
2 the acquisition of toll bridges over the Delaware river, which said
3 commissions have heretofore been acting as a joint commission
4 by virtue of reciprocal legislation.

5 No action of the commission shall be binding unless a majority
6 of the members of the commission from Pennsylvania and a
7 majority of the members of the commission from New Jersey
8 shall vote in favor thereof.

9 In the event that any ex-officio member of the commission
10 from Pennsylvania shall for any reason be absent from a meeting
11 of the commission, a deputy or other person in his department
12 designated by him for such purpose shall be authorized to act at
13 such meeting for and in behalf of such absent member and to vote
14 in his place on all matters which may be presented for
15 consideration at such meeting. Such designation shall be signed by
16 such ex-officio member and filed with the secretary of the
17 commission and shall continue in effect until the expiration of
18 the term of office of such member or until another designation
19 shall be made.

20 In the event that any ex-officio member of the commission
21 from New Jersey shall for any reason be absent from a meeting
22 of the commission, a deputy or other person in the ex-officio
23 member's department designated by the ex-officio member for
24 such purpose shall be authorized to act at such meeting for and in
25 behalf of such absent member and to vote in the member's place
26 on all matters which may be presented for consideration at such
27 meeting. Such designation shall be signed by the ex-officio
28 member and filed with the secretary of the commission and shall
29 continue in effect until the expiration of the term of office of
30 such member or until another designation shall be made.

31 The commission shall constitute the public corporate
32 instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the
33 State of New Jersey for the following public purposes, and shall
34 be deemed to be exercising an essential governmental function in
35 effectuating such purposes, to wit:

36 (a) The administration, operation, and maintenance of the joint
37 State-owned bridges across the Delaware river between the
38 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, and
39 located north of the present stone arch bridge of the
40 Pennsylvania Railroad across the Delaware river from Morrisville
41 to Trenton;

42 (b) The investigation of the necessity for additional bridge
43 communications over the Delaware river, and the making of such
44 studies, surveys and estimates as may be necessary to determine
45 the feasibility and cost of such additional bridge communications;

46 (c) The preparation of plans and specifications for, and
47 location, acquisition, construction, administration, operation and
48 maintenance of, such additional bridge communications over the
49 Delaware river, at any location north of the boundary line
50 between Bucks county and Philadelphia county in the
51 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as extended across the Delaware
52 river to the New Jersey shore of said river, as the commission
53 deems necessary to advance the interests of the two States and
54 to facilitate public travel; and the issuance of bonds and

1 obligations to provide moneys sufficient for the acquisition or
2 construction of such bridges; and the collection of tolls, rentals,
3 and charges for the redemption of such bonds and obligations, and
4 the payment of interest thereon;

5 (d) The procurement from the Government of the United States
6 of any consents which may be requisite to enable the commission
7 to exercise any of its powers;

8 (e) The investigation of the necessity for additional port and
9 terminal facilities within the area (hereinafter referred to as the
10 "district") comprising all of the territory within the counties of
11 Bucks, Northampton, Monroe and Pike in Pennsylvania, all of the
12 territory within the counties of Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon and
13 Mercer in New Jersey, and that part of the territory within the
14 county of Burlington in New Jersey north of the northerly bank of
15 Rancocas Creek as said creek and its north branch extend in a
16 general easterly direction from the Delaware river and through
17 Mount Holly, Pemberton and Browns Mills and other communities
18 to the Burlington-Ocean County boundary line in New Jersey;

19 (f) The acquisition, construction, administration, operation and
20 maintenance of such port and terminal facilities within the
21 district as the commission may deem necessary to advance the
22 interests of the two States; the issuance of bonds or other
23 obligations of the commission to provide moneys sufficient for
24 the acquisition or construction of such facilities; and the
25 collection of fees, rentals, tolls and other charges for the
26 payment of such bonds or obligations and the interest thereon,
27 and for the administration, operation and maintenance of such
28 facilities.

29 (cf: P.L.1952, c.333, s.1)

30 3. Article II of the agreement (R.S.32:8-3) is amended to read
31 as follows:

32 R.S.32:8-3. For the effectuation of its authorized purposes,
33 the commission is hereby granted the following powers as limited
34 and supplemented by P.L. ,c. (C.)(now before the
35 Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 1232 of 1994 and P.L. ,c.
36 (C.)(now before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 1233 of
37 1994):

38 (a) To have perpetual succession.

39 (b) To sue and be sued.

40 (c) To adopt and use an official seal.

41 (d) To elect a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and
42 treasurer and appoint an engineer. The secretary, treasurer, and
43 engineer need not be members of the commission.

44 (e) To adopt suitable by-laws for the management of its affairs.

45 (f) To appoint such other officers, agents and employees as it
46 may require for the performance of its duties.

47 (g) To determine the qualifications and duties of its appointees,
48 and to fix their compensation, except that the commission shall
49 not employ directly or as an independent contractor a member of
50 the commission for a period of two years after the expiration of
51 the term of office of that member.

52 (h) To enter into contracts.

53 (i) To acquire, own, hire, use, operate, and dispose of personal
54 property.

55 (j) To acquire, own, use, lease, operate, and dispose of real

1 property and interest in real property, and to make improvements
2 thereon.

3 (k) To grant the use of, by franchise, lease, and otherwise, and
4 to make and collect charges for the use of, any property or
5 facility owned or controlled by it.

6 (l) To borrow money upon its bonds or other obligations, either
7 with or without security.

8 (m) To exercise the power of eminent domain.

9 (n) To determine the exact location, system, and character of,
10 and all other matters in connection with, any and all
11 improvements or facilities which it may be authorized to own,
12 construct, establish, effectuate, maintain, operate or control.

13 (o) In addition to the foregoing powers, to exercise the powers,
14 duties, authority and jurisdiction heretofore conferred and
15 imposed upon the aforesaid commissions, hereby constituted a
16 joint commission by reciprocal legislation of the Commonwealth
17 of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, with respect to the
18 acquisition of toll bridges over the Delaware river, the
19 management, operation and maintenance of such bridges, and the
20 location, acquisition, construction, administration, operation and
21 maintenance of additional bridge communications over the
22 Delaware river at any location north of the boundary line
23 between Bucks county and Philadelphia county in the
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as extended across the Delaware
25 river to the New Jersey shore of said river. The powers granted
26 in this paragraph shall be in addition to those powers granted by
27 paragraph (a) of Article X of this agreement.

28 (p) To exercise all other powers, not inconsistent with the
29 Constitutions of the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey or of
30 the United States, which may be reasonably necessary or
31 incidental to the effectuation of its authorized purposes or to the
32 exercise of any of the powers granted to the commission by this
33 agreement or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto,
34 except the power to levy taxes or assessments for benefits; and
35 generally to exercise, in connection with its property and affairs
36 and in connection with property under its control, any and all
37 powers which might be exercised by a natural person or a private
38 corporation in connection with similar property and affairs.

39 (q) To acquire, construct, rehabilitate, improve, maintain, lease
40 as lessor or as lessee, repair and operate port and terminal
41 facilities as hereinafter defined within the district, including the
42 dredging of ship channels and turning basins and the filling and
43 grading of land therefor.

44 (r) To provide from time to time for the issuance of its bonds
45 or other obligations for any one or more of its corporate
46 purposes; all bonds and other obligations hereafter issued by the
47 commission shall have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable
48 instruments.

49 (s) To fix, charge, and collect fees, rentals, tolls and other
50 charges for the use of any of its port and terminal facilities so as
51 to provide funds at least sufficient, with other funds available for
52 such purposes (1) to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing and
53 operating such port and terminal facilities, including the
54 administrative expenses of the commission chargeable thereto,

1 (2) to pay the bonds or other obligations issued on account of
2 such facilities and the interest thereon as the same become due
3 and payable, and (3) to provide reserves for such purposes, and to
4 pledge such funds, over and above such costs of maintenance,
5 repair and operation, to the payment of such bonds or other
6 obligations and the interest thereon.

7 (t) To petition the Interstate Commerce Commission, any
8 public service or public utilities commission, or any other
9 Federal, State or local authority, whether administrative, judicial
10 or legislative, for the adoption and execution of any physical
11 improvement, change in method, rate of transportation, system
12 of handling freight, warehousing, docking, lightering or transfer
13 of freight, which, in the opinion of the commission, may be
14 designed to improve or facilitate the movement or handling of
15 commerce within the district or improve the terminal or
16 transportation facilities therein.

17 As used in this agreement the term "port and terminal
18 facilities" shall mean and shall include, without intending thereby
19 to limit the definition of such term, any one or more of the
20 following or any combination thereof:

21 (1) every kind of terminal or storage structure or facility now
22 in use or hereafter designed for use in the handling, storage,
23 loading or unloading of freight or passengers at steamship,
24 railroad or motor terminals or airports, and every kind of
25 transportation facility now in use or hereafter designed for use in
26 connection therewith; and

27 (2) all real and personal property and all works, buildings,
28 structures, equipment, machinery, appliances and appurtenances
29 necessary or convenient for the proper construction, equipment,
30 maintenance and operation of such facility or facilities or any
31 one or more of them.

32 Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement or any
33 provision of law, State or Federal, to the contrary, the
34 commission may combine for financing purposes any port and
35 terminal facility or facilities constructed or acquired by it under
36 the provisions of this agreement with any bridge or bridges
37 heretofore or hereafter constructed or acquired by the
38 commission, subject to any limitations contained in any trust
39 indenture securing bonds of the commission at the time
40 outstanding.

41 The powers herein granted to the commission with reference to
42 port and terminal facilities shall supersede the right to exercise
43 any such powers within the district, as defined in paragraph (e) of
44 Article I of this agreement, by any other body which has been
45 heretofore created by compact or agreement between the
46 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey.

47 Nothing contained in any other of the provisions of this
48 compact or agreement shall be deemed or construed to amend,
49 modify or repeal any of the powers, rights or duties conferred by,
50 or limitations or restrictions expressed in, Article X of this
51 compact or agreement, or any of the provisions of said Article X
52 relating to a bridge to be constructed, operated and maintained
53 by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission or the New Jersey
54 Turnpike Authority, acting alone or in conjunction with each
55 other.

1 Notwithstanding the above, each state reserves the right to
2 provide by law for the exercise of a veto power by the Governor
3 of that state over any action of any commissioner from that state
4 at any time within 10 days (Saturdays, Sundays and public
5 holidays in the particular state excepted) after receipt at the
6 Governor's office of a certified copy of the minutes of the
7 meeting at which such vote was taken. Each state may provide
8 by law for the manner of delivery of such minutes, and for
9 notification of the action thereon.

10 (cf: P.L.1952, c.333, s.1)

11 4. Article IX of the agreement (R.S.32:8-10) is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 R.S.32:8-10. The commission shall make annual reports to the
14 Governors and Legislatures of the Commonwealth of
15 Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, setting forth in detail
16 its operations and transactions, and may make such additional
17 reports, from time to time, to the Governors and Legislatures as
18 it may deem advisable.

19 The Auditor General of Pennsylvania and the State Auditor of
20 New Jersey shall jointly conduct annual financial and
21 management audits of expenditures and operations of the
22 commission and shall submit a report of those audits to the
23 Governors and Legislatures of the Commonwealth of
24 Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey.

25 (cf: P.L.1947, c.283, s.1)

26 5. The Governor is authorized to apply, on behalf of the State
27 of New Jersey, to the Congress of the United States for its
28 consent and approval to such supplemental compact or
29 agreement, but in the absence of such consent and approval, the
30 commission referred to in such supplemental compact or
31 agreement shall have all of the powers which the Commonwealth
32 of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey may confer upon it
33 without the consent and approval of Congress.

34 6. This act shall take effect immediately; but the Governor
35 shall not enter into the supplemental compact or agreement
36 hereinabove set forth on behalf of the State of New Jersey until
37 passage by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a substantially
38 similar act embodying the supplemental compact or agreement
39 between the two States.

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42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill would amend R.S.32:8-1 et seq. containing the
45 compact between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the
46 State of New Jersey creating the Delaware River Joint Toll
47 Bridge Commission. The bill would allow for ex officio members
48 of the commission from the State of New Jersey to appoint
49 designees. Companion legislation, Assembly Bill No. 1231 of
50 1994, increases the membership of the commission by adding the
51 Commissioner of Transportation and the State Treasurer as ex
52 officio members.

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54 In addition, the bill provides that certain powers of the
commission may be limited and supplemented by bi-State

1 legislation by companion legislation. Assembly Bill No. 1232 of
2 1994 would require the commission to adopt an affirmative action
3 program and open and competitive hiring policies and Assembly
4 Bill No. 1233 of 1994 would require the commission to adopt
5 competitive purchasing practices.

6 The bill further provides that the commission could not employ
7 directly, or as an independent contractor, a member of the
8 commission for a period of two years after the expiration of the
9 term of office of that member.

10 The bill also permits each State to provide by law for the
11 exercise of a veto power by the governor thereof over any action
12 of any commissioner from that state.

13 Finally, the bill requires the Auditor General of Pennsylvania
14 and the State Auditor of New Jersey to jointly conduct annual
15 financial and management audits of the expenditures and
16 operations of the commission. A report of those audits would be
17 submitted to the Governors and Legislatures of Pennsylvania and
18 New Jersey.

19 The approval of Congress and the enactment by Pennsylvania
20 of substantially similar legislation will be required before the
21 supplemental compact authorized by this bill may be entered into
22 although the commission shall have those powers which the States
23 may confer without the consent of Congress.

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28 Permits New Jersey and Pennsylvania to enact law giving
29 Governor veto power over Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge
30 Commission minutes; authorizes New Jersey ex officio members
31 to appoint designees.

1 Notwithstanding the above, each state reserves the right to
2 provide by law for the exercise of a veto power by the Governor
3 of that state over any action of any commissioner from that state
4 at any time within 10 days (Saturdays, Sundays and public
5 holidays in the particular state excepted) after receipt at the
6 Governor's office of a certified copy of the minutes of the
7 meeting at which such vote was taken. Each state may provide
8 by law for the manner of delivery of such minutes, and for
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20 New Jersey shall jointly conduct annual financial and
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27 of New Jersey, to the Congress of the United States for its
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29 agreement, but in the absence of such consent and approval, the
30 commission referred to in such supplemental compact or
31 agreement shall have all of the powers which the Commonwealth
32 of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey may confer upon it
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35 shall not enter into the supplemental compact or agreement
36 hereinabove set forth on behalf of the State of New Jersey until
37 passage by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a substantially
38 similar act embodying the supplemental compact or agreement
39 between the two States.

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44 This bill would amend R.S.32:8-1 et seq. containing the
45 compact between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the
46 State of New Jersey creating the Delaware River Joint Toll
47 Bridge Commission. The bill would allow for ex officio members
48 of the commission from the State of New Jersey to appoint
49 designees. Companion legislation, Assembly Bill No. 1231 of
50 1994, increases the membership of the commission by adding the
51 Commissioner of Transportation and the State Treasurer as ex
52 officio members.

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54 In addition, the bill provides that certain powers of the
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2 1994 would require the commission to adopt an affirmative action
3 program and open and competitive hiring policies and Assembly
4 Bill No. 1233 of 1994 would require the commission to adopt
5 competitive purchasing practices.

6 The bill further provides that the commission could not employ
7 directly, or as an independent contractor, a member of the
8 commission for a period of two years after the expiration of the
9 term of office of that member.

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11 exercise of a veto power by the governor thereof over any action
12 of any commissioner from that state.

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14 and the State Auditor of New Jersey to jointly conduct annual
15 financial and management audits of the expenditures and
16 operations of the commission. A report of those audits would be
17 submitted to the Governors and Legislatures of Pennsylvania and
18 New Jersey.

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20 of substantially similar legislation will be required before the
21 supplemental compact authorized by this bill may be entered into
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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1229

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 1994

The Assembly Transportation and Communications Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1229.

This bill would amend R.S.32:8-1 et seq. containing the compact between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey creating the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission. The bill would allow for ex officio members of the commission from the State of New Jersey to appoint designees. Companion legislation, Assembly Bill No. 1231 of 1994, increases the membership of the commission by adding the Commissioner of Transportation and the State Treasurer as ex officio members.

In addition, the bill provides that certain powers of the commission may be limited and supplemented, by bi-State legislation, pursuant to companion legislation to this bill. Specifically, Assembly Bill No. 1232 of 1994 would require the commission to adopt an affirmative action program and open and competitive hiring policies and Assembly Bill No. 1233 of 1994 would require the commission to adopt competitive purchasing practices.

The bill further provides that the commission could not employ directly, or as an independent contractor, a member of the commission for a period of two years after the expiration of the term of office of that member.

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Finally, the bill requires the Auditor General of Pennsylvania and the State Auditor of New Jersey to jointly conduct annual financial and management audits of the expenditures and operations of the commission. A report of those audits would be submitted to the Governors and Legislatures of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The approval of Congress and the enactment by Pennsylvania of substantially similar legislation will be required before the supplemental compact authorized by this bill may be entered into, although the commission shall have those powers which the States may confer without the consent of Congress.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1229

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 21, 1994

The Senate Transportation Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1229.

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The approval of Congress and the enactment by Pennsylvania of substantially similar legislation will be required before the supplemental compact authorized by this bill may be entered into, although the commission shall have those powers which the States may confer without the consent of Congress.

This bill is substantially identical to S-634, released by the committee on the same date.