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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 19, 1994

A SUPPLEMENT

1 To the act of June 25, 1931 (P.L.1352, No.332), entitled "An act
2 providing for joint action by the Commonwealth of
3 Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey in the
4 administration, operation, and maintenance of bridges over
5 the Delaware River, and for the construction of additional
6 bridge facilities across said river; authorizing the
7 Governor, for these purposes, to enter into an agreement with
8 the State of New Jersey; creating a Delaware River Joint Toll
9 Bridge Commission and specifying the powers and duties
10 thereof, including the power to finance the construction of
11 additional bridges by the issuance of revenue bonds to be
12 redeemed from revenues derived from tolls collected at such
13 bridges; transferring to said commission all powers now
14 exercised by existing commission created to acquire toll
15 bridges over the Delaware River; and making an
16 appropriation," providing procedures for the exercise of veto
17 power by the Governor.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. The minutes of every meeting of the Delaware
21 River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, established under the act of
22 June 25, 1931 (P.L.1352, No.332), referred to as the Delaware
23 River Joint Toll Bridge Compact, shall, as soon as possible
24 after the meeting, be delivered, by and under the certification
25 of the secretary of the commission, to the Governor of the

1 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg.

2 Section 2. Approval of minutes.

3 No action taken by a Pennsylvania commissioner at the meeting
4 shall have force or effect for a period of ten days, except
5 Saturdays, Sundays and State public holidays, after the minutes
6 have been delivered to the Governor under this act, unless the
7 Governor approves the minutes, or any part thereof, in writing,
8 by reciting the action approved, within this ten-day period.
9 This veto power shall be construed to affect the covenants
10 contained in the bonds of the commission.

11 Section 3. Return of minutes.

12 The Governor of Pennsylvania shall return the minutes to the
13 Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge, not later than the ten-day
14 period described in section 2, either with or without a veto of
15 any action recited in the minutes to have been taken by a
16 commissioner appointed from Pennsylvania. If the Governor does
17 not return the minutes within this ten-day period, the action
18 taken by the Pennsylvania commissioners shall have the force and
19 effect as recited in the minutes, according to the wording
20 thereof.

21 Section 4. Veto.

22 If the Governor of Pennsylvania, within the ten-day period
23 described in section 2, returns the minutes to the Delaware
24 River Joint Toll Bridge Commission with a veto against the
25 action of a commissioner from Pennsylvania, the action of that
26 commissioner shall be null and void and of no effect.

27 Section 5. Applicability.

28 This act shall remain inoperative until:

29 (1) The enactment of the act of (P.L. , No.),
30 entitled "An act amending the act of June 25, 1931 (P.L.1352,

1 No.332), entitled 'An act providing for joint action by the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey in
3 the administration, operation, and maintenance of bridges
4 over the Delaware River, and for the construction of
5 additional bridge facilities across said river; authorizing
6 the Governor, for these purposes, to enter into an agreement
7 with the State of New Jersey; creating a Delaware River Joint
8 Toll Bridge Commission and specifying the powers and duties
9 thereof, including the power to finance the construction of
10 additional bridges by the issuance of revenue bonds to be
11 redeemed from revenues derived from tolls collected at such
12 bridges; transferring to said commission all powers now
13 exercised by existing commission created to acquire toll
14 bridges over the Delaware River; and making an
15 appropriation,' further providing for attendance at meeting,
16 for a limitation on certain employment, for veto powers of
17 the Governors and for joint audits."

18 (2) The enactment of similar legislation to that
19 described in paragraph (1) by the State of New Jersey.

20 (3) The approval by the Congress of the United States,
21 if necessary, of the amendments to the compact described in
22 paragraphs (1) and (2).

23 Section 6. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect immediately.