

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 8, 2013

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 the Governor of each state with
 17 power to ratify or veto certain actions taken by
 18 commissioners.

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

21 Section 1. Action by Governor to ratify or veto commissioner
 22 action.

23 (a) Delivery of minutes to Governor.--The minutes of every
 24 meeting of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

1 shall, as soon as possible after the meeting, be delivered by,
2 and under the certification of the secretary of the commission,
3 to the Governor.

4 (b) Ratification or veto.--No action taken by a Pennsylvania
5 commissioner at the meeting shall have force or effect for a
6 period of ten days, except Saturdays, Sundays and Commonwealth
7 public holidays, after the minutes have been delivered to the
8 Governor under this subsection, unless the Governor approves the
9 minutes, or any part thereof, in writing, by reciting the action
10 approved, within the ten-day period. This veto power shall not
11 be construed to affect the covenants contained in the bonds of
12 the commission.

13 (c) Governor to return minutes.--

14 (1) The Governor shall return the minutes to the
15 Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, not later than
16 the ten-day period prescribed in subsection (b), either with
17 or without a veto of any action recited in the minutes to
18 have been taken by a commissioner appointed from
19 Pennsylvania.

20 (2) If the Governor does not return the minutes within
21 the ten-day period, the action taken by the Pennsylvania
22 commissioners shall have the force and effect as recited in
23 the minutes, according to the wording thereof. If the
24 Governor, within the ten-day period prescribed in subsection
25 (b), returns the minutes of the Delaware River Joint Toll
26 Bridge Commission with a veto against the action of that
27 commissioner from Pennsylvania, the action of that
28 commissioner shall be null and void and of no effect.

29 (d) Public information.--The board shall designate an
30 individual who shall be responsible for responding to requests

1 from the public and the news media for information concerning
2 the scheduling, attendance and minutes of board meetings.

3 Section 2. The Governor shall not enter into a supplemental
4 compact or agreement on behalf of the Commonwealth until passage
5 by the State of New Jersey of a substantially similar act,
6 embodying a supplemental compact or agreement between the two
7 states. The Governor shall publish his execution of such
8 supplemental compact or agreement as a notice in the
9 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.