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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 8, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 25, 1931 (P.L.1352, No.332), entitled
2 "An act 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," further providing for audits.

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

19 Section 1. Article IX of section 1 of the act of June 25,
20 1931 (P.L.1352, No.332), referred to as the Delaware River Joint
21 Toll Bridge Compact, is amended to read:

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23 ARTICLE IX.

24 The commission shall make annual reports to the Governors and

1 Legislatures of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State
2 of New Jersey setting forth in detail its operations and
3 transactions, and may make such additional reports from time to
4 time to the Governors and Legislatures, as it may deem
5 advisable.

6 [The commission shall submit biennially to a performance
7 audit jointly conducted by the Auditor General of Pennsylvania
8 and the State Auditor of New Jersey, which shall include
9 expenditures and operations of the commission. These auditors
10 shall complete the performance audit and prepare a joint report
11 by December 31 of every odd-numbered year, with the first audit
12 and report to be completed by December 31, 1997. A report of
13 those audits shall be submitted to the Governors and
14 Legislatures of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State
15 of New Jersey and to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge
16 Commission.

17 An annual financial audit shall be conducted at the expense
18 of the commission by an independent accounting firm in
19 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A
20 written report of each audit shall be submitted to the
21 commission and shall be retained by the commission for at least
22 five years.]

23 The Auditor General of Pennsylvania and the State Auditor of
24 New Jersey shall jointly conduct annual financial and management
25 audits of expenditures and operations of the commission and
26 shall submit a report of those audits to the Governors and
27 Legislatures of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State
28 of New Jersey.

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30 Section 2. The Governor shall not enter into a supplemental

1 compact or agreement on behalf of the Commonwealth of
2 Pennsylvania until passage by the State of New Jersey of a
3 substantially similar act embodying a supplemental compact or
4 agreement between the two states.

5 Section 3. The Governor shall publish the date of execution
6 of any supplemental compact or agreement referenced in section 2
7 as a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

8 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.