

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1662

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to turnpikes; amending 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1711, which relates to tolls for turnpikes; defining term; exempting residents of Oklahoma from certain tolls; allowing for promulgation of rules; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1711, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1711. A. 1. As used in this subsection, "residents of this state" shall mean individuals holding a valid Oklahoma driver license or permit to operate a motor vehicle issued by Service Oklahoma.

2. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, subject to the provisions hereof, is hereby authorized to fix, revise, charge, and collect

1 tolls for the use of each turnpike project and the different parts
2 or sections thereof, except for use by the following persons who
3 shall be entitled to free use of every such project:

4 a. law enforcement officers responsible for enforcing the
5 traffic laws and the general laws of the state and
6 federal governments on turnpikes, ~~who shall be~~
7 ~~entitled to free use of every such project in the~~
8 ~~performance of official duties connected with such~~
9 ~~turnpike project,~~ and

10 b. residents of this state.

11 B. The Authority, subject to the provisions of this section, is
12 authorized to contract with any person, partnership, association, or
13 corporation desiring the use of any part thereof, including the
14 right-of-way adjoining the paved portion, for placing thereon
15 telephone, telegraph, electric light or power lines, gas stations,
16 garages, stores, hotels, restaurants, and advertising signs, or for
17 any other purpose except for tracks for railroad or railway use, and
18 to fix the terms, conditions, rents, and rates of charges for such
19 use.

20 C. Such tolls, subject to the other restrictions hereof, shall
21 be so fixed and adjusted in respect of the aggregate of tolls from
22 the turnpike project or projects in connection with which the bonds
23 of any issue shall have been issued as to provide a fund sufficient
24 with other revenues, if any, to pay ~~(a)~~ the cost of maintaining,

1 repairing, and operating such turnpike project or projects, and ~~(b)~~
2 the principal of and the interest of such bonds as the same shall
3 become due and payable, and to create reserves for such purposes.
4 The tolls and all other revenues derived from the turnpike project
5 or projects in connection with which the bonds of any issue shall
6 have been issued, except such part thereof as may be necessary to
7 pay such cost of maintenance, repair, and operation and to provide
8 such reserves therefor as may be provided for in the resolution
9 authorizing the issuance of such bonds or in the trust agreement
10 securing the same shall be set aside at such regular intervals as
11 may be provided in such resolution or such trust agreement in a
12 sinking fund which is hereby pledged to, and charged with, the
13 payment of ~~(a)~~ the interest upon such bonds as such interest shall
14 fall due, ~~(b)~~ the principal of such bonds as the same shall fall
15 due, ~~(c)~~ the necessary charges of paying agents for paying principal
16 and interest, and ~~(d)~~ the redemption price or the purchase price of
17 bonds retired by call or purchase as therein provided, which are a
18 charge against such fund. The use and disposition of monies to the
19 credit of such sinking fund shall be subject to the provisions of
20 the resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds or of such
21 trust agreement. Except as may otherwise be provided in such
22 resolution or such trust agreement, such sinking fund shall be a
23 fund for all such bonds without distinction or priority of one over
24 another. The monies in the sinking fund, less such reserve as may

1 be provided in such resolution or trust agreement, if not used
2 within a reasonable time for the purchase of bonds for cancellation
3 as above provided, shall be applied to the redemption of bonds at
4 the redemption price then applicable.

5 D. Any person who leases, rents, or acquires control of any gas
6 station, garage, store, hotel, or restaurant must have been a
7 resident of, or been doing business in, Oklahoma for the past five
8 (5) years.

9 E. Notwithstanding anything else herein contained to the
10 contrary, the Corporation Commission ~~of the State of Oklahoma~~ shall
11 exercise the jurisdiction now or hereafter vested in it to regulate
12 and control the operation of motor carriers of passengers and
13 freight, using or desiring to use any turnpike project, in the
14 manner and to the extent that it regulates or controls such carriers
15 using the highways of the state.

16 F. The Authority shall not discriminate against any group or
17 class or individual member thereof in fixing the amount of toll,
18 rents, or charge for the use of the turnpike project.

19 G. The Authority shall promulgate any rules necessary to
20 implement the provisions of this section.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

22 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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