

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1867

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority; amending 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1711, which relates to tolls; prohibiting certain Authority from charging tolls on certain turnpike projects in certain circumstance; allowing certain Authority to charge tolls on certain turnpike projects in certain circumstance; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, subject to the provisions hereof, is hereby authorized to fix, revise, charge and collect tolls for the use of each turnpike project and the different parts or sections thereof, except for use by law enforcement officers responsible for enforcing the traffic laws and the general laws of the state and federal governments on turnpikes, who shall be entitled to free use of every such project in the performance of official duties connected with such ~~turnpike project,~~ and.

1        B. The Authority, subject to the provisions of this section, is  
2 authorized to contract with any person, partnership, association or  
3 corporation desiring the use of any part thereof, including the  
4 right-of-way adjoining the paved portion, for placing thereon  
5 telephone, telegraph, electric light or power lines, gas stations,  
6 garages, stores, hotels, restaurants and advertising signs, or for  
7 any other purpose except for tracks for railroad or railway use, and  
8 to fix the terms, conditions, rents and rates of charges for such  
9 use.

10        C. Such tolls, subject to the other restrictions hereof, shall  
11 be so fixed and adjusted in respect of the aggregate of tolls from  
12 the turnpike project or projects in connection with which the bonds  
13 of any issue shall have been issued as to provide a fund sufficient  
14 with other revenues, if any, to pay ~~(a)~~ the cost of maintaining,  
15 repairing, and operating such turnpike project or projects, and ~~(b)~~  
16 the principal of and the interest of such bonds as the same shall  
17 become due and payable, and to create reserves for such purposes.  
18 The tolls and all other revenues derived from the turnpike project  
19 or projects in connection with which the bonds of any issue shall  
20 have been issued, except such part thereof as may be necessary to  
21 pay such cost of maintenance, repair, and operation and to provide  
22 such reserves therefor as may be provided for in the resolution  
23 authorizing the issuance of such bonds or in the trust agreement  
24 securing the same shall be set aside at such regular intervals as

1 may be provided in such resolution or such trust agreement in a  
2 sinking fund which is hereby pledged to, and charged with, the  
3 payment of ~~(a)~~ the interest upon such bonds as such interest shall  
4 fall due, ~~(b)~~ the principal of such bonds as the same shall fall  
5 due, ~~(c)~~ the necessary charges of paying agents for paying principal  
6 and interest, and ~~(d)~~ the redemption price or the purchase price of  
7 bonds retired by call or purchase as therein provided, which are a  
8 charge against such fund. The use and disposition of monies to the  
9 credit of such sinking fund shall be subject to the provisions of  
10 the resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds or of such  
11 trust agreement. Except as may otherwise be provided in such  
12 resolution or such trust agreement, such sinking fund shall be a  
13 fund for all such bonds without distinction or priority of one over  
14 another. The monies in the sinking fund, less such reserve as may  
15 be provided in such resolution or trust agreement, if not used  
16 within a reasonable time for the purchase of bonds for cancellation  
17 as above provided, shall be applied to the redemption of bonds at  
18 the redemption price then applicable.

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

23 E. Notwithstanding anything else herein contained to the  
24 contrary, the Corporation Commission ~~of the State of Oklahoma~~ shall

1 exercise the jurisdiction now or hereafter vested in it to regulate  
2 and control the operation of motor carriers of passengers and  
3 freight, using or desiring to use any turnpike project, in the  
4 manner and to the extent that it regulates or controls such carriers  
5 using the highways of the state.

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

9 G. 1. The Authority shall not charge a toll on a turnpike  
10 project that has had an average annual daily traffic volume of less  
11 than twenty-five thousand (25,000) vehicles for the five (5) years  
12 preceding the effective date of this act.

13 2. The Authority shall not charge a toll on a turnpike project  
14 that has an average annual daily traffic volume of less than twenty-  
15 five thousand (25,000) vehicles over a period of five (5)  
16 consecutive years.

17 3. If a turnpike project subject to the provisions of  
18 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection has, for a period of five (5)  
19 consecutive years, an average annual daily traffic volume of at  
20 least twenty-five thousand (25,000) vehicles, the Authority may  
21 reinstate the toll on such turnpike project.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.  
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