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HOUSE BILL NO. 675

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A BILL to establish the Interstate Public-Private Transportation Partnership Compact.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. § 1. Short title.***This act shall be known and may be cited as the Interstate Public-Private Transportation Partnership Compact.***§ 2. Compact established.***Pursuant to the invitation in Public Law 109-59 (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users), there is hereby established the Interstate Public-Private Transportation Partnership Compact.***§ 3. Agreement.***The Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of North Carolina, and the State of South Carolina agree, upon adoption of this compact:**1. To study, develop, and promote a plan for the design, construction, financing, and operation of interstate transportation projects of strategic interest to the signatory states;**2. To coordinate efforts to establish a common legal framework in all the signatory states to authorize and facilitate design, construction, financing, and operation of such projects through public partnerships similar to those authorized and facilitated by Virginia's Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995;**3. To advocate for federal funding to support the establishment of interstate transportation projects of interest to all signatory states;**4. To allocate funding and resources to the purposes of the Interstate Public-Private Transportation Partnership Compact Commission from funds that are or may become available and are appropriated for that purpose; and**5. To do all things necessary or convenient, not inconsistent with federal law or the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of North Carolina, or the State of South Carolina, to facilitate and coordinate the transportation plans and programs of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of North Carolina, and the State of South Carolina.***§ 4. Commission established; appointment and terms of members; chairman; reports; Commission funds; staff.***The Interstate Public-Private Transportation Partnership Compact Commission is hereby established as a regional instrumentality and a common agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of North Carolina, and the State of South Carolina, empowered in a manner hereinafter set forth to carry out the purposes of the Compact.**The Virginia members of the Commission shall be appointed as follows: three members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. In addition, there shall be five members representing the State of North Carolina and five members representing the State of South Carolina, selected as provided by the laws of those states.**The chairman of the Commission shall be chosen by the members of the Commission from among its membership for a term of one year, and the chairmanship shall rotate among the member states.**The Commission shall meet at least twice each year, but no more than once each year in the same state, and shall issue a report of its activities each year.**The Commission may utilize, for its operation and expenses, funds appropriated to it therefor by the legislatures of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina or received from federal sources.**Virginia members of the Commission shall receive compensation and reimbursement for their necessary and actual expenses as provided in the general appropriation act; members of the Commission from North Carolina and South Carolina shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with applicable statutes of those states.**Primary staff to the Commission shall be provided by the Virginia Department of Transportation and its counterpart agencies in North Carolina and South Carolina.***2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective upon its enactment by the Commonwealth**

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59 of Virginia, the State of North Carolina, and the State of South Carolina and in accordance with
60 federal law.