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SENATE BILL NO. 614

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee

on March 11, 2006)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Wagner)

A BILL to establish the Virginia-North Carolina Interstate Toll Road Compact.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. §1. Short title

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Virginia-North Carolina Interstate Toll Road 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 Virginia-North Carolina Interstate Toll Road Compact.

§ 3. Agreement.

The Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of North Carolina agree, upon adoption of this compact:

1. To set, impose, and collect tolls, not to exceed a maximum of \$5 for a two-axle vehicle, for use of Interstate Route 95 within their respective boundaries;

- 2. To share the net proceeds from tolls collected evenly after deducting their actual and necessary costs of collection and operation, with each state's share of the proceeds to be used as the laws of that state may provide, subject to federal law; and
- 3. To coordinate efforts to establish welcome centers, rest areas, and facilities where travelers may obtain food, fuel, souvenirs, and vehicle repairs and service.
- § 4. Commission established; appointment and terms of members; chairman; reports; Commission funds; staff.

The Virginia-North Carolina Interstate Toll Road Compact Commission is hereby established as a regional instrumentality and a common agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of North 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. The North Carolina members of the Commission shall be appointed and may be removed in accordance with applicable statutes of North Carolina, as appropriate.

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 shall alternate between the member states.

The Commission shall meet at least twice each year, at least once in Virginia and once in North Carolina, 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 and North Carolina or received from federal sources.

Virginia members of the Commission shall receive compensation and reimbursement for the necessary and actual expenses as provided in the general appropriation act; North Carolina members of the Commission shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with applicable statutes of North Carolina, as appropriate.

Primary staff to the Commission shall be provided by the Virginia Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

2. This act shall become effective upon its enactment by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of North Carolina, and in accordance with federal law authorizing the compact.