

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB865

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: McEachin

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Tolls; General Assembly approval for those on interstates.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would require approval from the General Assembly prior to the imposition and collection of tolls on interstate facilities existing on July 1, 2013. The bill exempts toll facilities on high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes or high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. The bill also includes an enactment clause stating the bill does not prohibit the imposition or collection of tolls pursuant to agreements entered into by the Commonwealth prior to July 1, 2013.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would require General Assembly approval, in addition to approval by the Federal Highway Administration, prior to the implementation of tolls on Interstate 95 or any other interstate facility that is not a component of a HOT or HOV lane system. There is one existing toll proposal for Interstate 95 that may be subject to the provisions of this proposed legislation.

In September 2012, Virginia received conditional provisional approval from the Federal Highway Administration to move forward with a proposal to place tolls on Interstate 95. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is currently undertaking the environmental evaluation required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Following the completion of the NEPA requirements, VDOT may receive federal approval to place tolls on Interstate 95. As currently envisioned, a toll gate would be placed in Sussex County near Emporia and collection would begin in 2015.

Virginia's toll proposal was submitted through a federal pilot program to toll interstates to fund reconstruction and rehabilitation projects. Virginia previously received conditional provisional approval to toll Interstate 81 under the program. In 2008, the General Assembly amended the Code of Virginia to require legislative approval to toll that interstate facility. As part of the Interstate 95 toll proposal, Virginia has rescinded its proposal to toll Interstate 81.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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