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3 A BILL authorizing the issuance of Commonwealth of Virginia Toll Revenue Bonds, by and with the 4 5 6 7 consent of the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 (§ 33.1-267 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 33.1 of the Code of Virginia and as permitted by Section 9 (d) of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia, in a principal amount not exceeding \$140,000,000 to finance the cost of the project plus an amount for the issuance costs, capitalized interest, reserve funds, and other financing expenses, 8 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for paying the costs incurred or to be incurred for construction of the South Battlefield Boulevard Bypass Project in the City of 9 10 Chesapeake, a revenue producing capital project; authorizing the Commonwealth Transportation Board to fix the details of such bonds and to provide for the sale of such bonds at public or private 11 12 sale; providing for the pledge of the net revenues of said revenue producing capital project and 13 other available funds for the payment of the interest on such bonds and the principal thereof; and 14 providing that the interest income from such bonds shall be exempt from all taxation within the 15 Commonwealth; and to amend and reenact §§ 33.1-268, 33.1-269, and 33.1-277 of the Code of 16 Virginia, amending the State Revenue Bond Act to include the project. 17

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Referred to the Committee on Finance

22 Whereas, Section 9 (d) of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 33.1-267 through 23 33.1-295 of the Code of Virginia provide that the General Assembly may authorize the issuance of 24 revenue bonds payable from earnings and from any other available sources of funds, and secured by toll 25 revenues generated by such project; and

26 Whereas, the project described herein will be a revenue-producing state highway operated and 27 maintained by the Commonwealth Transportation Board; now, therefore, 28

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

29 1.§ 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "South Battlefield Boulevard, City of 30 Chesapeake, Commonwealth of Virginia Toll Revenue Bond Act of 1995."

§ 2. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the 31 Governor, to issue, pursuant to the provisions of §§ 33.1-267 through 33.1-295, at one time or from time to time, bonds of the Commonwealth to be designated "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation" 32 33 Toll Revenue Bonds, Series" (the "Bonds"), in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding 34 35 \$140,000,000 to finance the cost of the project plus an amount for the issuance costs, capitalized 36 interest, reserve funds, and other financing expenses. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for paying the costs 37 38 incurred or to be incurred for construction or funding of the project known as the South Battlefield 39 Boulevard Bypass, consisting of a four-lane divided road in the City of Chesapeake extending 40 approximately 10.2 miles from the southern terminus of the Great Bridge Bypass (State Route 168) to 41 the North Carolina state line, consisting of environmental and engineering studies, rights-of-way 42 acquisition, construction of roadways and related improvements (the "project"). Such costs may include the payment of interest on the Bonds for a period during construction and not exceeding one year after 43 44 completion of construction of the project.

The Bonds shall be issued by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and sold through the 45 Treasury Board, which is hereby designated the sales and paying agent of the Commonwealth 46 47 Transportation Board with respect to the Bonds. The Treasury Board's duties shall include the approval **48** of the terms and structure of the Bonds.

49 § 3. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized (i) to fix, revise, charge, and 50 collect tolls and other charges for, or in connection with, the use of the project and (ii) to pledge such 51 tolls and charges remaining after payment of the expenses of operating and maintaining the project, and any other funds available for such purpose, to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and 52 53 interest on the Bonds. All tolls and other charges shall cease to be collected at such time as the Bonds 54 and all other financial obligations associated with the project have been paid, or provision made for 55 their payment, from any source available by law for such purpose.

§ 4. The proceeds of the Bonds and of the Bond anticipation notes herein authorized shall be made 56 57 available by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to pay the costs of the project and, where appropriate, may be paid to any authority, locality or commission for the purpose of paying for the 58 costs of the project. The proceeds of the Bonds may be used with any federal, state, local or private 59

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60 funds which may be made available for said purpose.

§ 5. The Bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, shall mature at 61 62 such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their date or dates, as may be determined by the 63 Commonwealth Transportation Board, or by a formula or method established by resolution of the 64 Commonwealth Transportation Board, and may be made redeemable before their maturity or maturities, 65 at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Commonwealth 66 Transportation Board prior to the issuance of the Bonds. The principal of and the interest on the Bonds shall be made payable in lawful money of the United States of America. The Commonwealth 67 Transportation Board shall determine the form of the Bonds and fix the denomination or denominations 68 69 of the Bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest thereof, which may be at the office of the State Treasurer or any bank or trust company within or without the Commonwealth. 70

All Bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall have and are hereby declared to have. as 71 72 between successive holders, all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the negotiable 73 instruments law of the Commonwealth.

74 The Bonds may be issued under a system of book entry for recording the ownership and transfer of 75 ownership of rights to receive payments of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds.

76 The Bonds may be sold at a public or private sale for such price or prices as the Commonwealth 77 Transportation Board may determine to be in the best interests of the Commonwealth.

78 § 6. The Bonds shall be signed on behalf of the Commonwealth by the Secretary of Transportation or 79 shall bear his facsimile signature, shall bear the official seal of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and shall be attested by the Secretary of the Board. Any interest coupons shall bear a facsimile 80 of the signature of the Secretary. In the event that the Bonds shall bear the facsimile signature of the 81 Secretary, the Bonds shall be signed by such administrative assistant as the Secretary shall determine or 82 83 by any Registrar/Paying Agent that may be designated by the Treasury Board. In case any officer, 84 whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any Bonds or coupons, shall cease to be 85 such officer before the delivery of such Bonds, his signature or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if he had remained in office until such delivery. 86

87 § 7. All expenses incurred under this Act shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds or from any 88 available funds as the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall determine.

89 § 8. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized to borrow money at such rate or 90 rates through the execution and issuance of notes of the Commonwealth for the same, but only in the 91 following circumstances and under the following conditions:

92 1. In anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, the issuance of which shall have been authorized by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and shall have been approved by the Governor, if the 93 94 Commonwealth Transportation Board shall deem it advisable to postpone the issuance of the Bonds. 95

2. For the renewal of any loan evidenced by notes herein authorized.

96 § 9. The proceeds of the Bonds and of the bond anticipation notes herein authorized (except the proceeds of bonds, the issuance of which has been anticipated by such bond anticipation notes) shall be 97 98 placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund in the state treasury, or with his concurrence may be 99 placed in accordance with § 33.1-283, and shall be disbursed only for the purpose for which such 100 Bonds and such bond anticipation notes shall be issued; however, proceeds derived from the sale of Bonds or renewal herein authorized shall be first used in the payment of any bond anticipation notes 101 that may have been issued in anticipation of the sale of such Bonds and any renewals of such notes. 102

§ 10. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized to receive any other funds that 103 may be made available to pay the cost of the project and to pledge the same to the payment of the 104 principal of, and the interest on, the debt authorized hereby and to enter into the appropriate 105 agreements to allow for those funds to be paid into the state treasury to pay a part of the cost of the 106 107 project or the principal of, and the interest on, such debt.

108 § 11. The Commonwealth Transportation Board, prior to the issuance of the Bonds, may establish a 109 minimum reserve fund requirement for the Bonds.

110 § 12. The Commonwealth Transportation Board, prior to the issuance of the Bonds, shall establish a 111 sinking fund for the payment of the Bonds, to the credit of which there shall be deposited such amounts 112 as are required to pay debt service on the Bonds due and payable for such fiscal years first from (i) the net revenues of tolls and other charges collected from vehicles using the project, (ii) to the extent 113 114 required, revenues received pursuant to a contract with the City of Chesapeake, or any other mechanism for generating local revenue for such purpose, that is satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation 115 116 Board, and (iii) any other available sources of funds.

117 § 13. Bond proceeds and moneys in any reserve funds and sinking funds shall be invested by the 118 State Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of general law relating to the investment of such funds belonging to, or in the control of, the Commonwealth, or with the State Treasurer's concurrence 119 by a trustee in accordance with § 33.1-283. 120

121 § 14. The interest income from, but not any profit made on, the sale of the Bonds, notes and 122 coupons, if any, issued under the provisions of this Act, shall at all times be free and exempt from 123 taxation by the Commonwealth and by any municipality, county or other political subdivision thereof.

§ 15. All bonds and notes issued under the provisions of this Act are hereby made securities in which 124

125 all of the following may properly and legally invest funds under their control: public officers and bodies 126 of the Commonwealth; all counties, cities, towns and municipal subdivisions; all insurance companies

127 and associations; all savings banks and savings institutions, including savings and loan associations; 128 administrators; guardians; executors; trustees; and other fiduciaries in the Commonwealth.

- 129 § 16. A. The authority granted hereunder to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to issue the 130 Bonds to finance the project is expressly contingent upon the fulfillment of the following conditions to
- 131 the satisfaction of the Commonwealth Transportation Board:
- 132 1. That other federal, state, local or private funds which may be made available, with anticipated toll 133 revenues, are sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds; and
- 134 2. That the availability and use of such additional federal, state, local or private funds is confirmed 135 by the Commonwealth Transportation Board on or before July 1, 2000.
- 136 § 17. If any part of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid 137 by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the 138 provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or 139 application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

140 2. That §§ 33.1-268, 33.1-269, and 33.1-277 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as 141 follows:

142 § 33.1-268. Definitions.

143 As used in this article, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

144 (1) The word "Board" means the Commonwealth Transportation Board, or if the Commonwealth 145 Transportation Board is abolished, any board, commission or officer succeeding to the principal 146 functions thereof or upon whom the powers given by this article to the Board shall be given by law. 147

(2) The word "project" or "projects" means any one or more of the following:

- 148 (a) York River Bridges, extending from a point within the Town of Yorktown in York County, or 149 within York County across the York River to Gloucester Point or some point in Gloucester County.
- 150 (b) Rappahannock River Bridge, extending from Greys Point, or its vicinity, in Middlesex County, 151 across the Rappahannock River to a point in the vicinity of White Stone, in Lancaster County, or at 152 some other feasible point in the general vicinity of the two respective points.

153 (c), (d) [Reserved.]

- 154 (e) James River Bridge, from a point at or near Jamestown, in James City County, across the James 155 River to a point in Surry County. 156
 - (f), (g) [Reserved.]
- 157 (h) James River, Chuckatuck and Nansemond River Bridges, together with necessary connecting 158 roads, in the Cities of Newport News and Suffolk and the County of Isle of Wight. 159
 - (i) [Reserved.]
- 160 (i) Hampton Roads Bridge, Tunnel, or Bridge and Tunnel System, extending from a point or points in the Cities of Newport News and Hampton on the northwest shore of Hampton Roads across Hampton 161 162 Roads to a point or points in the City of Norfolk or Suffolk on the southeast shore of Hampton Roads.
- 163 (k) The Norfolk-Virginia Beach Highway, extending from a point in the vicinity of the intersection 164 of Interstate Route 64 and Primary Route 58 at Norfolk to some feasible point between London Bridge 165 and Primary Route 60.
- 166 (1) The Henrico-James River Bridge, extending from a point on the eastern shore of the James River in Henrico County to a point on the western shore, between Falling Creek and Bells Road interchanges 167 168 of the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike; however, the project shall be deemed to include all property, rights, easements and franchises relating to any of the foregoing projects and deemed necessary or 169 170 convenient for the operation thereof and to include approaches thereto.
- 171 (m) The limited access highway between the Patrick Henry Airport area and the Newport News 172 downtown area which generally runs parallel to tracks of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.
- 173 (n) Dulles Access Road outer roadways, extending from a point on Route 7 in Loudoun County in 174 an easterly direction to a point east of Route 123 on the Dulles Access Road in Fairfax County. These 175 roadways are to be two or three lanes in each direction constructed adjacent to, and parallel to or 176 extending west from, the Dulles Access Road. 177
 - (o), (p) [Repealed.]
- 178 (q) Subject to the limitations and approvals of § 33.1-279.1, any other highway for a primary 179 highway transportation improvement district or transportation service district which the Board has agreed 180 to finance under a contract with any such district or any other alternative mechanism for generation of local revenues for specific funding of a project satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, 181 the financing for which is to be secured by Transportation Trust Fund revenues under any appropriation 182

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183 made by the General Assembly for that purpose and payable first from revenues received under such 184 contract or other local funding source, second, to the extent required, from funds appropriated and 185 allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the highway construction 186 district in which the project is located or to the county or counties in which the project is located and 187 third, to the extent required from other legally available revenues of the Trust Fund and from any other 188 available source of funds.

189 (r) U.S. 58 Corridor Development Program projects as defined in §§ 33.1-221.1:2 and 58.1-815.

190 (s) The Northern Virginia Transportation District Program as defined in § 33.1-221.1:3.

191 (t) The Interstate 66 Economic Development Program as defined in § 33.1-221.1:4.

192 (u) The Haymarket Transportation Program as defined in § 33.1-221.1:5.

193 (v) The South Battlefield Boulevard Bypass, consisting of a four-lane divided road in the City of Chesapeake extending approximately 10.2 miles from the southern terminus of the Great Bridge Bypass 194 195 (State Route 168) to the North Carolina state line.

196 $(\mathbf{v} \ w)$ Any program for highways or mass transit or transportation facilities, endorsed by the local 197 jurisdiction or jurisdictions affected, which agree that certain distributions of state recordation taxes will 198 be dedicated and used for the payment of any bonds or other obligations, including interest thereon, the 199 proceeds of which were used to pay the cost of the program. Any such program shall be referred to as a 200 "Transportation Improvement Program."

201 (3) The word "undertaking" means all of the projects authorized to be acquired or constructed under 202 this article.

203 (4) The word "improvements" means such repairs, replacements, additions and betterments of and to 204 a project acquired by purchase or by condemnation as are deemed necessary to place it in a safe and 205 efficient condition for the use of the public, if such repairs, replacements, additions and betterments are 206

ordered prior to the sale of any bonds for the acquisition of such project. (5) The term "cost of project," as applied to a project to be acquired by purchase or by 207 208 condemnation, includes the purchase price or the amount of the award, cost of improvements, financing 209 charges, interest during any period of disuse before completion of improvements, cost of traffic 210 estimates and of engineering and legal expenses, plans, specifications and surveys, estimates of cost and 211 of revenues, other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of the enterprises, administrative expenses and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the 212 213 financing herein authorized and the acquisition of the project and the placing of the project in operation.

(6) The term "cost of project," as applied to a project to be constructed, embraces the cost of construction, the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements and franchises acquired which are 214 215 216 deemed necessary for such construction, the cost of acquiring by purchase or condemnation any ferry which is deemed by the Board to be competitive with any bridge to be constructed, the cost of all 217 machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest prior to and during construction and for one year 218 219 after completion of construction, cost of traffic estimates and of engineering data, engineering and legal 220 expenses, cost of plans, specifications and surveys, estimates of cost and of revenues, other expenses 221 necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of the enterprise, administrative 222 expense and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the financing herein authorized, the 223 construction of the project, the placing of the project in operation and the condemnation of property 224 necessary for such construction and operation.

225 (7) The word "owner" includes all individuals, incorporated companies, copartnerships, societies or 226 associations having any title or interest in any property rights, easements or franchises authorized to be 227 acquired by this article. 228

(8) [Repealed.]

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229 (9) The words "revenue" and "revenues" include tolls and any other moneys received or pledged by 230 the Board pursuant to this article, including, without limitation, legally available Trust Fund revenues.

231 (10) The terms "toll project" and "toll projects" mean projects financed in whole or in part through 232 the issuance of revenue bonds which are secured by toll revenues generated by such project or projects. 233

§ 33.1-269. General powers of Board.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board may, subject to the provisions of this article:

235 1. Acquire by purchase or by condemnation, construct, improve, operate and maintain any one or 236 more of the projects mentioned and included in the undertaking defined in this article;

237 2. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth, to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of 238 Virginia Toll Revenue Bonds," payable first from (i) earnings, (ii) to the extent required, revenues 239 received pursuant to a contract with a local jurisdiction, or any alternative mechanism for generating 240 local revenue for such purpose, that is satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and 241 from *(iii)* any other available sources of funds, to pay the cost of such projects;

3. Subject to the limitations and approvals of § 33.1-279.1, issue revenue bonds of the 242 Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Contract 243 Revenue Bonds," secured by Transportation Trust Fund revenues under a payment agreement between 244

245 the Board and the Treasury Board, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly and payable 246 first from revenues received pursuant to contracts with a primary highway transportation improvement 247 district or transportation service district or other local revenue sources for which specific funding of any 248 such bonds may be authorized by law; second, to the extent required, from funds appropriated and 249 allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the highway construction 250 district in which the project or projects to be financed are located or to the county or counties in which 251 the project or projects to be financed are located; and third, to the extent required, from other legally 252 available revenues of the Trust Fund and from any other available source of funds;

253 4. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of 254 Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds," secured (i) by revenues received from the U.S. Route 58 255 Corridor Development Fund, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, (ii) to the extent 256 required, from revenues legally available from the Transportation Trust Fund and (iii) to the extent 257 required, from any other legally available funds which have been appropriated by the General Assembly; 258 4a. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of 259 Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds," secured, subject to their appropriation by the General 260 Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from the Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund, (ii) 261 to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as 262 provided by law, to the highway construction district in which the project or projects to be financed are 263 located or to the city or county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the 264 extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds 265 which may be appropriated by the General Assembly:

266 4b. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of 267 Virginia Transportation Program Revenue Bonds" secured, subject to their appropriation by the General 268 Assembly, first from (i) any revenues received from any Set-aside Fund established by the General Assembly pursuant to § 58.1-816.1, (ii) to the extent required, revenues received pursuant to any 269 270 contract with a local jurisdiction or any alternative mechanism for generation of local revenues for 271 specific funding of a project satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, (iii) to the extent 272 required, funds appropriated and allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by 273 law, to the highway construction district in which the project or projects to be financed are located or to 274 the city or county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iv) to the extent required, 275 legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (v) such other funds which may be 276 appropriated by the General Assembly. No bonds for any project or projects shall be issued under the 277 authority of this subsection unless such project or projects are specifically included in a bill or resolution 278 passed by the General Assembly;

4c. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds," secured, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund, (ii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated for secondary roads pursuant to § 33.1-23.4 to the county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly;

4d. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of
Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds," secured, subject to their appropriation by the General
Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from the Haymarket Transportation Program Fund, (ii) to the
extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iii) such other funds
which may be appropriated by the General Assembly;

5. Fix and collect tolls and other charges for the use of such projects or to refinance the cost of such projects;

293 6. Construct grade separations at intersections of any projects with public highways, streets or other
294 public ways or places and change and adjust the lines and grades thereof so as to accommodate the
295 same to the design of such grade separations, the cost of such grade separations and any damage
296 incurred in changing and adjusting the lines and grades of such highways, streets, ways and places to be
297 ascertained and paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project;

298 7. Vacate or change the location of any portion of any public highway, street or other public way or 299 place and reconstruct the same at such new location as the Board deems most favorable for the project 300 and of substantially the same type and in as good condition as the original highway, streets street, way or 301 place, the cost of such reconstruction and any damage incurred in vacating or changing the location 302 thereof to be ascertained and paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project. Any public highway, 303 street or other public way or place vacated or relocated by the Board shall be vacated or relocated in the 304 manner provided by law for the vacation or relocation of public roads and any damages awarded on 305 account thereof may be paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project;

306 8. Make reasonable regulations for the installation, construction, maintenance, repair, renewal and 307 relocation of pipes, mains, sewers, conduits, cables, wires, towers, poles and other equipment and 308 appliances, herein called "public utility facilities," of the Commonwealth and of any municipality, 309 county, or other political subdivision or public utility or public service corporation owning or operating 310 the same in, on, along, over or under the project. Whenever the Board determines that it is necessary 311 that any such public utility facilities should be relocated or removed, the Commonwealth or such 312 municipality, county, political subdivision, public utility or public service corporation shall relocate or remove the same in accordance with the order of the Board; however, the cost and expense of such 313 314 relocation or removal, including the cost of installing such public utility facilities in a new location or 315 locations, and the cost of any lands or any rights or interests in lands, and any other rights acquired to 316 accomplish such relocation or removal shall be ascertained and paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project. The Commonwealth or such municipality, county, political subdivision, public utility or 317 318 public service corporation may maintain and operate such public utility facilities with the necessary appurtenances, in the new location or locations, for as long a period and upon the same terms and 319 320 conditions as it had the right to maintain and operate such public utility facilities in their former location 321 or locations;

9. Acquire by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any lands, property, rights, rights-of-way, 322 323 franchises, easements and other property, including public lands, parks, playgrounds, reservations, 324 highways or parkways, or parts thereof or rights therein, of any municipality, county or other political 325 subdivision, deemed necessary or convenient for the construction or the efficient operation of the project 326 or necessary in the restoration, replacement or relocation of public or private property damaged or 327 destroyed.

328 The cost of such projects shall be paid solely from the proceeds of Commonwealth of Virginia Toll 329 or Transportation Contract Revenue Bonds or a combination thereof or from such proceeds and from 330 any grant or contribution which may be made thereto pursuant to the provisions of this article; and

331 10. Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the Board shall be authorized to 332 exercise the powers conferred herein, in addition to its general powers to acquire rights-of-way and to construct, operate and maintain state highways, with respect to any project which the General Assembly 333 334 has authorized or may hereafter authorize to be financed in whole or in part through the issuance of 335 bonds of the Commonwealth pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 (c) of Article X of the Constitution 336 of Virginia. 337

§ 33.1-277. Credit of Commonwealth not pledged.

338 A. Commonwealth of Virginia Toll Revenue Bonds issued under the provisions of this article shall 339 not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the faith and credit 340 of the Commonwealth, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein provided therefor first from (i) tolls and revenues, from (ii) to the extent required, revenues received pursuant to a 341 342 contract with a local jurisdiction, or any alternative mechanism for generating local revenue for such 343 purpose, that is satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, (iii) bond proceeds or earnings 344 thereon, and (iv) from any other available sources of funds. All such bonds shall state on their face that 345 the Commonwealth of Virginia is not obligated to pay the same or the interest thereon except from the special fund provided therefor from tolls and revenues under this article, from bond proceeds or earnings 346 347 thereon and from any other available sources of funds and that the faith and credit of the 348 Commonwealth are not pledged to the payment of the principal or interest of such bonds. The issuance 349 of such revenue bonds under the provisions of this article shall not directly or indirectly or contingently 350 obligate the Commonwealth to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any 351 appropriation for their payment, other than appropriate available funds derived as revenues from tolls 352 and charges under this article or derived from bond proceeds or earnings thereon and from any other 353 available sources of funds.

354 B. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Contract Revenue Bonds issued under the provisions of 355 this article shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the 356 faith and credit of the Commonwealth, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein 357 provided therefor (i) from revenues received pursuant to contracts with a primary highway transportation 358 district or transportation service district or any other alternative mechanism for generation of local 359 revenues for specific funding of a project satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, (ii) to 360 the extent required, from funds appropriated and allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the highway construction district in which the project or projects to be financed are 361 362 located or to the county or counties in which such project or projects are located, (iii) from bond 363 proceeds or earnings thereon, (iv) to the extent required, from other legally available revenues of the Trust Fund, and (v) from any other available source of funds. All such bonds shall state on their face 364 that the Commonwealth of Virginia is not obligated to pay the same or the interest thereon except from 365 revenues in clauses (i) and (iii) hereof and that the faith and credit of the Commonwealth are not 366 367 pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds. The issuance of such revenue bonds 368 under the provisions of this article shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the 369 Commonwealth to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever or to make any appropriation for 370 their payment, other than to appropriate available funds derived as revenues under this article from the 371 sources set forth in clauses (i) and (iii) hereof. Nothing in this article shall be construed to obligate the 372 General Assembly to make any appropriation of the funds set forth in clause (ii) or (iv) hereof for 373 payment of such bonds.

374 C. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds issued under the provisions of this
375 article shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the full
376 faith and credit of the Commonwealth, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein
377 provided therefor (i) from revenues received from the U.S. Route 58 Corridor Development Fund,
378 subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, (ii) to the extent required, from revenues legally
379 available from the Transportation Trust Fund and (iii) to the extent required, from any other legally
380 available funds which shall have been appropriated by the General Assembly.

381 D. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds issued under this article for Category 1 382 projects as provided in § 33.1-268 (2) (s) shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Such bonds shall be payable 383 384 solely, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from the 385 Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund, (ii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and 386 allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the highway construction 387 district in which the project or projects to be financed are located or to the city or county in which the 388 project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of 389 the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General 390 Assembly.

391 E. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds issued under this article for projects as 392 provided in § 33.1-268 (2) (t) shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth or a 393 pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Such bonds shall be payable solely, subject to their 394 appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from the Interstate 66 Economic 395 Development Program Fund, (ii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated for secondary 396 roads pursuant to § 33.1-23.4 to the county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, 397 (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such 398 other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly.

F. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds issued under this article for projects as
provided in § 33.1-268 (2) (u) shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth or a
pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Such bonds shall be payable solely, subject to their
appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from the Haymarket
Transportation Program Fund, (ii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation
Trust Fund, and (iii) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly.

405 G. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Program Revenue Bonds issued under this article for 406 projects defined in § 33.1-268 (2) (v) shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth or 407 a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Such bonds shall be payable solely, subject to 408 their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) any revenues received from any Set-aside 409 Fund established by the General Assembly pursuant to § 58.1-816.1, (ii) to the extent required, revenues received pursuant to any contract with a local jurisdiction or any alternative mechanism for generation of 410 local revenues for specific funding of a project satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, 411 412 (iii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula 413 as provided by law, to the highway construction district in which the project or projects to be financed 414 are located or to the city or county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iv) to the extent required, legally available revenues from the Transportation Trust Fund, and (v) such other 415 funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly. 416