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HOUSE BILL NO. 1953

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations on January 28, 2013)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Poindexter)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 2 of the first enactment of Chapter 8 of the Acts of Assembly of the Second Special Session of 1989, as amended by the second enactment of Chapter 538 of the Acts of Assembly of 1999, relating to issuance of bonds for the U.S. Route 58 Corridor Development Program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 2 of the first enactment of Chapter $\bar{8}$ of the Acts of Assembly of the Second Special Session of 1989, as amended by the second enactment of Chapter 538 of the Acts of Assembly of 1999, is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the Governor, to issue, pursuant to the provisions of §§ 33.1-267 through 33.1-295 of the Code of Virginia, at one time or from time to time, bonds of the Commonwealth to be designated "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series," in an aggregate a principal amount not exceeding \$704,300,000 outstanding at any time, to finance the cost of the project plus an amount for the issuance costs, reserve funds, and other financing expenses. However, the additional amount of bonds that may be issued solely because of the amendments to this section by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly may be issued only if the debt service of such bonds can be met solely with the revenues provided to the Route 58 Corridor Development Fund pursuant to the provisions of § 58.1-815 of the Code of Virginia. The proceeds of such bonds shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for paying all costs incurred or to be incurred for the construction of an adequate, modern, safe, and efficient highway system, generally along Virginia's southern boundary and which comprises the U.S. Route 58 Corridor Development Program as established in § 33.1-221.1:2, consisting of the environmental and engineering studies, rights-of-way acquisition, construction and related improvements (the Project).

Of the \$104.3 million increase in bond issuance authorized by the 1999 Session of the General Assembly, \$82 million shall be issued for portions of the Project as follows:

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Portion of the Project

Ben Hur to Pennington Gap in Lee County

Pennington Gap to Dryden in Lee County

Anticipated shortfall on the Danville

Bypass, Clarksville Bypass, Stuart

Bypass, and completion of a gap west

of Jonesville in Lee County

Taylors Valley in Washington County

$ 9,800,000

$ 35,600,000

$ 35,100,000

$ 1,500,000

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The remaining balance of the bond issuance in the amount of \$22.3 million, together with any bond issuance not necessary to complete the above projects, shall be issued for right-of-way acquisition from the Town of Stuart, in Patrick County along the Route 58 corridor to its intersection with Interstate 77 in Carroll County.

Beginning July 1, 2013, completion of the following portions of the Project shall have priority over any other portions of the Project:

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     Crooked Oak Section
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        ROW Acquisition
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        Utility Relocation
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        Permitting and Mitigation
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        Design
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        Construction and Inspection
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     Vesta Section
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        ROW Acquisition
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        Utility Relocation
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        Permitting and Mitigation
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        Design
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58 Construction and Inspection
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60 Lover's Leap Section
61 ROW Acquisition
62 Utility Relocation
63 Permitting and Mitigation
64 Design
65 Construction and Inspection

Of the foregoing three sections of the Project, construction of the Lover's Leap Section shall have priority over construction of the other two sections. However, construction of these other two sections may proceed simultaneously with the construction of the Lover's Leap Section if such simultaneous construction does not delay construction of the Lover's Leap Section.

Such revenue bonds shall be issued by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and sold through the Treasury Board, which is hereby designated the sales and paying agent of the Commonwealth Transportation Board with respect to such bonds. The Treasury Board's duties shall include the approval of the terms and structure of the bonds.