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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. RAIA, MONTESANO, RA, McDONOUGH, MALLIOTAKIS, LALOR, FINCH, M. L. MILLER, MORINELLO, ASHBY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, BLANKENBUSH, CROUCH, DiPIETRO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend chapter 47 of the laws of 1931, relating to bridges and tunnels in New York and New Jersey, in relation to requiring tolls and revenues from bridges and tunnels in New York and New Jersey be used to cover the costs of the construction, maintenance and operation of said bridges and tunnels

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 47 of the laws of 1931, relating to
2 bridges and tunnels in New York and New Jersey, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 Section 1. The state of New Jersey by appropriate legislation concur-
5 ring herein, the states of New York and New Jersey hereby declare and
6 agree that the vehicular traffic moving across the interstate waters
7 within the port of New York district, created by the compact of April
8 thirty, nineteen hundred twenty-one, between the said states, which said
9 phrase "interstate waters" as used in this act shall include the portion
10 of the Hudson river within the said port of New York district north of
11 the New Jersey state line, constitutes a general movement of traffic
12 which follows the most accessible and practicable routes, and that the
13 users of each bridge or tunnel over or under the said waters benefit by
14 the existence of every other bridge or tunnel since all such bridges and
15 tunnels as a group facilitate the movement of such traffic and relieve
16 congestion at each of the several bridges and tunnels. Accordingly the
17 two said states, in the interest of the users of such bridges and
18 tunnels and the general public, hereby agree that the construction,
19 maintenance, operation and control of all such bridges and tunnels,
20 heretofore or hereafter authorized by the two said states, shall be

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 unified under the port of New York authority (hereinafter called the
2 port authority), to the end that the tolls and other revenues therefrom
3 shall be [~~applied so far as practicable~~] used exclusively to cover the
4 costs of the construction, maintenance and operation of said bridges and
5 tunnels as a group [~~and economies in operation effected~~], it being the
6 policy of the two said states that such bridges and tunnels shall as a
7 group be in all respects self-sustaining.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the
9 state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect; but if
10 the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation,
11 then this act shall take effect immediately and provided that the state
12 of New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon
13 the occurrence of the enactment of the provisions provided for in this
14 act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely
15 effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New
16 York in furtherance of effecting the provisions of section 44 of the
17 legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.