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Introduced by M. of A. RAIA -- 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:

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 47 of the laws of 1931, relating to bridges and tunnels in New York and New Jersey, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The state of New Jersey by appropriate legislation concurring herein, the states of New York and New Jersey hereby declare and agree that the vehicular traffic moving across the interstate waters within the port of New York district, created by the compact of April thirty, nineteen hundred twenty-one, between the said states, which said phrase "interstate waters" as used in this act shall include the portion of the Hudson river within the said port of New York district north of the New Jersey state line, constitutes a general movement of traffic which follows the most accessible and practicable routes, and that the users of each bridge or tunnel over or under the said waters benefit by the existence of every other bridge or tunnel since all such bridges and tunnels as a group facilitate the movement of such traffic and relieve congestion at each of the several bridges and tunnels. Accordingly the two said states, in the interest of the users of such bridges and tunnels and the general public, hereby agree that the construction, maintenance, operation and control of all such bridges and tunnels, heretofore or hereafter authorized by the two said states, shall be unified under the port of New York authority (hereinafter called the port authority), to the end that the tolls and other revenues therefrom

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

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shall be [applied so far as practicable] USED EXCLUSIVELY to COVER the costs of the construction, maintenance and operation of said bridges and tunnels as a group [and economies in operation effected], it being the policy of the two said states that such bridges and tunnels shall as a group be in all respects self-sustaining.

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