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AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund reform act

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "dedicated highway and bridge trust fund reform act".

§ 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 5 of section 89-b of the state finance law, as amended by section 10 of part C of chapter 57 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

a. Moneys in the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund shall, following appropriation by the legislature, be utilized for: reconstruction, replacement, reconditioning, restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of state, county, town, city and village roads, highways, parkways, and bridges thereon, to restore such facilities to their intended functions; construction, reconstruction, enhancement and improvement of state, county, town, city, and village roads, highways, parkways, and bridges thereon, to address current and projected capacity problems including costs for traffic mitigation activities; aviation projects authorized pursuant to section fourteen-j of the transportation law and for payments to the general debt service fund of amounts equal to amounts required for service contract payments related to aviation projects as provided and authorized by section three hundred eighty-six of the public authorities law; programs to assist small and minority and women-owned firms engaged in transportation construction and reconstruction projects, including a revolving fund for working capital loans, and a bonding guarantee assistance program in accordance with provisions of this chapter; matching federal grants or apportionments to

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

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the state for highway, parkway and bridge capital projects; the acquisition of real property and interests therein required or expected to be required in connection with such projects; preventive maintenance activities necessary to ensure that highways, parkways and bridges meet or exceed their optimum useful life; [~~expenses of control of snow and ice on state highways by the department of transportation including but not limited to personal services, nonpersonal services and fringe benefits, payment of emergency aid for control of snow and ice in municipalities pursuant to section fifty-five of the highway law, expenses of control of snow and ice on state highways by municipalities pursuant to section twelve of the highway law, and for expenses of arterial maintenance agreements with cities pursuant to section three hundred forty-nine of the highway law; personal services, nonpersonal services, and fringe benefit costs of the department of transportation for bus safety inspection activities, rail safety inspection activities, and truck safety inspection activities; costs of the department of motor vehicles, including but not limited to personal and nonpersonal services;~~] costs of engineering and administrative services of the department of transportation, including but not limited to fringe benefits; the contract services provided by private firms in accordance with section fourteen of the transportation law; personal services and nonpersonal services, for activities including but not limited to the preparation of designs, plans, specifications and estimates; construction management and supervision activities; costs of appraisals, surveys, testing and environmental impact statements for transportation projects; expenses in connection with buildings, equipment, materials and facilities used or useful in connection with the maintenance, operation, and repair of highways, parkways and bridges thereon; and project costs for: construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of rail freight facilities and intercity rail passenger facilities and equipment; construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of state, municipal and privately owned ports; construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of municipal airports; privately owned airports and aviation capital facilities, excluding airports operated by the state or operated by a bi-state municipal corporate instrumentality for which federal funding is not available provided the project is consistent with an approved airport layout plan; and construction, reconstruction, enhancement, improvement, replacement, reconditioning, restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of state, county, town, city and village roads, highways, parkways and bridges; and construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of fixed ferry facilities of municipal and privately owned ferry lines for transportation purposes, and the payment of debt service required on any bonds, notes or other obligations and related expenses for highway, parkway, bridge and project costs for: construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of rail freight facilities and intercity rail passenger facilities and equipment; construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of state, municipal and privately owned ports; construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of municipal airports; privately owned airports and aviation capital facilities, excluding airports operated by the state or operated by a bi-state municipal corporate instrumentality for which federal funding is not available provided the project is consistent with an approved airport layout plan; construction, reconstruction, enhancement, improvement, replacement, reconditioning, resto-

ration, rehabilitation and preservation of state, county, town, city and village roads, highways, parkways and bridges; and construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of fixed ferry facilities of municipal and privately owned ferry lines for transportation purposes, purposes authorized on or after the effective date of this section. Beginning with disbursements made on and after the first day of April, nineteen hundred ninety-three, moneys in such fund shall be available to pay such costs or expenses made pursuant to appropriations or reappropriations made during the state fiscal year which began on the first of April, nineteen hundred ninety-two. Beginning the first day of April, nineteen hundred ninety-three, moneys in such fund shall also be used for transfers to the general debt service fund and the revenue bond tax fund of amounts equal to that respectively required for service contract and financing agreement payments as provided and authorized by section three hundred eighty of the public authorities law, section eleven of chapter three hundred twenty-nine of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-one, as amended, and sections sixty-eight-c and sixty-nine-o of this chapter.

§ 3. Paragraph a of subdivision 5 of section 89-b of the state finance law, as amended by section 52 of part JJJ of chapter 59 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

a. Moneys in the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund shall, following appropriation by the legislature, be utilized for: reconstruction, replacement, reconditioning, restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of state, county, town, city and village roads, highways, parkways, and bridges thereon, to restore such facilities to their intended functions; construction, reconstruction, enhancement and improvement of state, county, town, city, and village roads, highways, parkways, and bridges thereon, to address current and projected capacity problems including costs for traffic mitigation activities; aviation projects authorized pursuant to section fourteen-j of the transportation law and for payments to the general debt service fund of amounts equal to amounts required for service contract payments related to aviation projects as provided and authorized by section three hundred eighty-six of the public authorities law; programs to assist small and minority and women-owned firms engaged in transportation construction and reconstruction projects, including a revolving fund for working capital loans, and a bonding guarantee assistance program in accordance with provisions of this chapter; matching federal grants or apportionments to the state for highway, parkway and bridge capital projects; the acquisition of real property and interests therein required or expected to be required in connection with such projects; preventive maintenance activities necessary to ensure that highways, parkways and bridges meet or exceed their optimum useful life; [~~expenses of control of snow and ice on state highways by the department of transportation including but not limited to personal services, nonpersonal services and fringe benefits, payment of emergency aid for control of snow and ice in municipalities pursuant to section fifty-five of the highway law, expenses of control of snow and ice on state highways by municipalities pursuant to section twelve of the highway law, and for expenses of arterial maintenance agreements with cities pursuant to section three hundred forty-nine of the highway law; personal services, nonpersonal services, and fringe benefit costs of the department of transportation for bus safety inspection activities, rail safety inspection activities, and truck safety inspection activities; costs of the department of motor vehicles, including but not limited to personal and nonpersonal services;~~] costs

of engineering and administrative services of the department of transportation, including but not limited to fringe benefits; the contract services provided by private firms in accordance with section fourteen of the transportation law; personal services and nonpersonal services, for activities including but not limited to the preparation of designs, plans, specifications and estimates; construction management and supervision activities; costs of appraisals, surveys, testing and environmental impact statements for transportation projects; expenses in connection with buildings, equipment, materials and facilities used or useful in connection with the maintenance, operation, and repair of highways, parkways and bridges thereon; and project costs for: construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of rail freight facilities and intercity rail passenger facilities and equipment; construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of state, municipal and privately owned ports; construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of municipal airports; privately owned airports and aviation capital facilities, excluding airports operated by the state or operated by a bi-state municipal corporate instrumentality for which federal funding is not available provided the project is consistent with an approved airport layout plan; and construction, reconstruction, enhancement, improvement, replacement, reconditioning, restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of state, county, town, city and village roads, highways, parkways and bridges; and construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of fixed ferry facilities of municipal and privately owned ferry lines for transportation purposes, and the payment of debt service required on any bonds, notes or other obligations and related expenses for highway, parkway, bridge and project costs for: construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of rail freight facilities and intercity rail passenger facilities and equipment; construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of state, municipal and privately owned ports; construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of municipal airports; privately owned airports and aviation capital facilities, excluding airports operated by the state or operated by a bi-state municipal corporate instrumentality for which federal funding is not available provided the project is consistent with an approved airport layout plan; construction, reconstruction, enhancement, improvement, replacement, reconditioning, restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of state, county, town, city and village roads, highways, parkways and bridges; and construction, reconstruction, improvement, reconditioning and preservation of fixed ferry facilities of municipal and privately owned ferry lines for transportation purposes, purposes authorized on or after the effective date of this section. Beginning with disbursements made on and after the first day of April, nineteen hundred ninety-three, moneys in such fund shall be available to pay such costs or expenses made pursuant to appropriations or reappropriations made during the state fiscal year which began on the first of April, nineteen hundred ninety-two. Beginning the first day of April, nineteen hundred ninety-three, moneys in such fund shall also be used for transfers to the general debt service fund and the general fund of amounts equal to that respectively required for service contract and financing agreement payments as provided and authorized by section three hundred eighty of the public authorities law, section eleven of chapter three hundred twenty-nine of the laws of nineteen

hundred ninety-one, as amended, and sections sixty-eight-c and sixty-nine-o of this chapter.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to paragraph a of subdivision 5 of section 89-b of the state finance law made by section two of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to section 2 of part B of chapter 84 of the laws of 2002, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section three of this act shall take effect.