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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Transportation (Articles) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 27 - 54

and insert:

~~(2)~~ the department may ~~continue to~~ collect a the toll on ~~the~~ high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes only for after the discharge of any bond indebtedness related to a ~~such~~ project that exists before July 1, 2017. After the discharge of any bond indebtedness related to such project, the toll on the high- occupancy toll lanes or express lanes must be eliminated ~~All~~



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11 ~~tolls so collected shall first be used to pay the annual cost of~~  
12 ~~the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the high-~~  
13 ~~occupancy toll lanes or express lanes project or associated~~  
14 ~~transportation system.~~

15 (2)(3) High-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes may not  
16 be created on or after July 1, 2017. Upon elimination of the  
17 tolls on existing high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes  
18 pursuant to subsection (1), such lanes may continue to exist but  
19 not as high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes ~~Any remaining~~  
20 ~~toll revenue from the high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes~~  
21 ~~shall be used by the department for the construction,~~  
22 ~~maintenance, or improvement of any road on the State Highway~~  
23 ~~System within the county or counties in which the toll revenues~~  
24 ~~were collected or to support express bus service on the facility~~  
25 ~~where the toll revenues were collected.~~

26 (3)(4) The department may implement variable rate tolls on  
27 high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes.

28 (4)(5) Except for high-occupancy toll lanes or express  
29 lanes, tolls may not be charged for use of an interstate highway  
30 where tolls were not charged as of July 1, 1997.

31 (5)(6) This section does not apply to the turnpike system  
32 as defined under the Florida Turnpike Enterprise Law.

33 Section 1. Section 338.2225, Florida Statutes, is created  
34 to read:

35 338.2225 Express lanes on any part of the turnpike system;  
36 prohibition.-

37 (1) The purpose of this section is to eliminate all express  
38 lanes that exist, or are under construction, on any part of the  
39 Florida Turnpike System and to prohibit the creation of such



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40 express lanes.

41 (2) The department may collect a toll on express lanes  
42 that, before July 1, 2017, exist, or are under construction, on  
43 any part of the turnpike system, but such collection may be only  
44 for the discharge of any bond indebtedness that relates to the  
45 expense of constructing the express lanes. After the discharge  
46 of such bond indebtedness, the toll on the express lanes must be  
47 eliminated.

48 (3) Except for express lanes that, before July 1, 2017,  
49 exist, or are under construction, on any part of the turnpike  
50 system, no express lanes shall be on any part of the turnpike  
51 system. Upon elimination of the tolls on express lanes pursuant  
52 to subsection (2), such lanes may continue to exist but not as  
53 express lanes.

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55 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete lines 4 - 13

58 and insert:

59 that the Department of Transportation may collect  
60 tolls on high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes  
61 only for the discharge of certain bond indebtedness on  
62 a project existing before a specified date; requiring  
63 that the tolls be eliminated after discharge of the  
64 project's bond indebtedness; prohibiting the creation  
65 of high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes on or  
66 after a specified date; requiring existing lanes to no  
67 longer be high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes  
68 upon elimination of their tolls; creating s. 338.2225,



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69 F.S.; providing a legislative purpose; authorizing the  
70 department to collect a toll on express lanes that,  
71 before a specified date, exist, or are under  
72 construction, on any part of the turnpike system for  
73 the discharge of certain bond indebtedness; requiring  
74 the elimination of the toll after discharge of the  
75 bond indebtedness; prohibiting express lanes from  
76 being on any part of the turnpike system; authorizing  
77 express lanes that, before a specified date, exist, or  
78 are under construction, on any part of the turnpike  
79 system to continue to exist but not as express lanes;  
80 providing an