

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to expressway authority toll revenue;
3 amending s. 348.0004, F.S.; requiring an authority to
4 provide a rebate for certain tolls paid using an
5 electronic toll collection system; requiring transfer
6 of a certain amount of toll revenue from an authority
7 to a county for certain purposes; requiring a report
8 to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsections (6) through (9) of section
13 348.0004, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7)
14 through (10), respectively, paragraph (e) of subsection (2) is
15 amended, and new subsections (6) and (11) are added to that
16 section, to read:

17 348.0004 Purposes and powers.—

18 (2) Each authority may exercise all powers necessary,
19 appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of
20 its purposes, including, but not limited to, the following
21 rights and powers:

22 (e) To fix, alter, charge, establish, and collect tolls,
23 rates, fees, rentals, and other charges for the services and
24 facilities system, which tolls, rates, fees, rentals, and other
25 charges must always be sufficient to comply with any covenants

26 | made with the holders of any bonds issued pursuant to the
27 | Florida Expressway Authority Act. However, such right and power
28 | may be assigned or delegated by the authority to the department.
29 | Notwithstanding s. 338.165 or any other provision of law to the
30 | contrary, in any county as defined in s. 125.011(1), to the
31 | extent surplus revenues exist, they may be used for purposes
32 | enumerated in subsection (8) ~~(7)~~, provided the expenditures are
33 | consistent with the metropolitan planning organization's adopted
34 | long-range plan. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to
35 | the contrary, but subject to any contractual requirements
36 | contained in documents securing any outstanding indebtedness
37 | payable from tolls, in any county as defined in s. 125.011(1),
38 | the board of county commissioners may, by ordinance adopted on
39 | or before September 30, 1999, alter or abolish existing tolls
40 | and currently approved increases thereto if the board provides a
41 | local source of funding to the county expressway system for
42 | transportation in an amount sufficient to replace revenues
43 | necessary to meet bond obligations secured by such tolls and
44 | increases.

45 | (6) An authority in any county as defined in s. 125.011(1)
46 | shall provide to each person who pays a toll on an authority
47 | transportation facility using an electronic toll collection
48 | system a rebate of 3 percent of such toll.

49 | (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Florida
50 | Expressway Authority Act, 20 percent of the toll revenue

51 collected from the transportation facilities of an authority in
52 any county as defined in s. 125.011(1) in excess of the
53 operating costs and debt obligations of the authority shall be
54 transferred to the county in which the authority operates
55 exclusively for expenses directly associated with the planning,
56 design, acquisition, construction, extension, rehabilitation,
57 equipping, preservation, maintenance, or improvement of public
58 transportation facilities, transit facilities, intermodal
59 facilities, or multimodal corridors owned or operated by such
60 county. Within 90 days after a transfer of revenue under this
61 subsection, the county shall submit a report to the President of
62 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which
63 includes the amount of the transfer, a description of each
64 project to be funded by the transfer, and the proposed budget
65 and completion date for each such project.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.