

SENATE BILL No. 4

By Senator Haley

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9 AN ACT concerning the Kansas turnpike authority; relating to tolls;
10 amending K.S.A. 68-2004 and repealing the existing section.

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12 WHEREAS, The current Governor has expressed opposition to motor
13 fuel tax increases to finance a new comprehensive transportation plan;
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15 WHEREAS, Research indicates that operating motor vehicles at a re-
16 duced speed on highways diminishes accident risk and fatalities; and

17 WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature has not shown interest in legis-
18 lation reducing motor vehicle highway speed limits; and

19 WHEREAS, Reducing the speed limit on motor vehicles on highways
20 would reduce vehicle emissions: Now, therefore,

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22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

23 Section 1. K.S.A. 68-2004 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-
24 2004. (a) The authority is hereby authorized and empowered to:

25 (1) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of
26 its business;

27 (2) adopt an official seal and alter the same ~~at pleasure~~;

28 (3) maintain an office at such place or places within the state as it
29 may designate;

30 (4) sue and be sued in its own name, plead and be impleaded;

31 (5) determine the location, subject to the approval of the secretary of
32 transportation, of each turnpike project financed under the provisions of
33 this act, determine its design and the materials of construction, and con-
34 struct, maintain, repair and operate the same;

35 (6) issue turnpike revenue bonds of the authority for any of its cor-
36 porate purposes, payable solely from the tolls and revenues pledged for
37 their payment, and to refund its bonds, all as provided in this act;

38 (7) fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect tolls for
39 transit over each turnpike project constructed by it;

40 (8) adopt rules and regulations for the use of any such turnpike pro-
41 ject, and adopt rules and regulations for traffic control on such project;

42 (9) acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property in the
43 exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this act;

- 1 (10) designate the locations, and establish, limit and control such
2 points of ingress to and egress from each turnpike project as may be
3 necessary or desirable in the judgment of the authority to insure the
4 proper operation and maintenance of such project, and to prohibit en-
5 trance to such project from any point or points not so designated;
- 6 (11) make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or
7 incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers
8 under this act;
- 9 (12) employ consulting engineers, attorneys, accountants, construc-
10 tion and financial experts, superintendents, managers, and such other
11 employees and agents as may be necessary in its judgment, and to fix their
12 compensation;
- 13 (13) receive and accept from any federal agency grants for or in aid
14 of the construction of any turnpike project, and to receive and accept aid
15 or contributions from any source of either money, property, labor or other
16 things of value, to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for
17 which such grants and contributions may be made; and
- 18 (14) do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the
19 powers expressly granted in this act.
- 20 *(b) In addition to the tolls charged and collected under paragraph (7)*
21 *of subsection (a), the authority is hereby authorized to develop and im-*
22 *plement a system of tolls based on the average speed driven by a person*
23 *using the turnpike project.*
- 24 ~~(b)~~ (c) Violation of any of the rules and regulations adopted under
25 this section shall be unlawful and subject to the penalties contained in
26 K.S.A. 8-2116 and amendments thereto.
- 27 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 68-2004 is hereby repealed.
- 28 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
29 publication in the statute book.