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By: **Delegate Carr (Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations)**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing provisions relating to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel
4 Compact; repealing a requirement that the Governor execute the compact with the
5 Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia under certain
6 circumstances; repealing the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge and Tunnel
7 Authority; repealing the board of the Authority; repealing a requirement that the
8 compact may not be interpreted to affect the levy of taxes by signatories to the
9 compact; repealing provisions concerning the manner in which the compact is
10 adopted; repealing provisions concerning withdrawal from the compact; repealing a
11 requirement that certain officials enter into a certain agreement with the federal
12 government; repealing a requirement that the Authority prepare a certain
13 management plan; repealing provisions concerning the legal liability of the
14 Authority; repealing a requirement that certain bonds may not be deemed to
15 constitute a debt or pledge of the full faith and credit of the Authority or any
16 signatory of the compact; repealing the power of the Authority to establish, finance,
17 construct, maintain, repair, and operate a project to upgrade the Interstate 95
18 Potomac River crossing; repealing certain additional powers of the Authority;
19 repealing the power of the Authority to acquire land and property by purchase or
20 condemnation in a certain manner; repealing provisions concerning procurement by
21 the Authority; repealing the power of the Authority to alter or relocate public
22 highways or public utilities; repealing the power of the Authority to issue revenue
23 bonds; repealing the power of the Authority to secure bonds by a trust indenture;
24 repealing the power of the Authority to fix, revise, charge, and collect tolls for the
25 use of the project; repealing a requirement that tolls and certain other revenues be

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 used to pay the cost of operating and maintaining the project and the principal of
2 and interest on certain bonds; repealing a requirement that tolls be set at certain
3 rates; repealing a requirement that all money received under the compact be deemed
4 trust funds; repealing the authority of certain bondholders to legally enforce certain
5 rights; repealing a certain exemption from Maryland taxes; repealing the authority
6 of certain persons to invest in certain bonds; repealing certain provisions concerning
7 police officers employed by the Authority; repealing a requirement that the Authority
8 submit a certain report; repealing certain criminal penalties; repealing certain
9 definitions; repealing requirements that the compact may not take effect until the
10 Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the United States
11 Department of Transportation have entered into a certain agreement; repealing
12 requirements that the compact may not take effect until the Commonwealth of
13 Virginia and the District of Columbia have passed similar acts and the compact has
14 been approved by the United States Congress; repealing a requirement that the
15 Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation
16 Authority submit a certain report; repealing a requirement that the Maryland
17 Department of Transportation monitor traffic on the American Legion Bridge and
18 collect tolls on the American Legion Bridge under certain circumstances; and
19 generally relating to the repeal of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact.

20 BY repealing

21 Article – Transportation

22 Section 10–301 and the subtitle “Subtitle 3. Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel
23 Compact”

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

26 (As enacted by Chapter 494 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

27 BY repealing

28 Article – Transportation

29 Section 10–302 and 10–303

30 Annotated Code of Maryland

31 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

32 (As enacted by Chapter 494 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995, as amended
33 by Chapter 599 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996)

34 BY repealing

35 Chapter 494 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995

36 Section 2, 3, and 4

37 BY repealing

38 Chapter 599 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996

39 Section 2

40 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
41 That Section(s) 10–301 through 10–303 and the subtitle “Subtitle 3. Woodrow Wilson

1 Bridge and Tunnel Compact” of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of
2 Maryland be repealed.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 2, 3, and 4 of
4 Chapter 494 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995 be repealed.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 2 of Chapter 599 of
6 the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996 be repealed.

7 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.