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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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Senate Bill 125  
Finance

(Senator Feldman)

Environment and Transportation

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Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact - Repeal

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This bill repeals the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The compact is obsolete; it never became active because alternative financing for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge was obtained.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law/Background:** The Woodrow Wilson Bridge spans the Potomac River between Alexandria, Virginia, and Prince George's County, Maryland.

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact was established in 1995 between Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC, to create an independent authority to fund, build, maintain, and administer a new Woodrow Wilson Bridge among the three jurisdictions. The compact granted the authority numerous powers, including the issuance of bonds, acquisition of property, and establishment of tolls for the bridge. The authority was never active because federal funding was used to construct the replacement bridge. Construction of the bridge primarily took place between 2000 and 2009. The compact is obsolete because the replacement bridge has been completed, and the compact does not address any other current transportation need. Virginia repealed its participation in the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact in 2015.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 82 (Delegate Carr)(Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations) - Environment and Transportation.

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