

SB 117-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL ***117-FN***

AN ACT relative to the tolls at exit 10 in the town of Merrimack.

SPONSORS: Sen. Daniels, Dist 11; Rep. Notter, Hills. 21; Rep. Rung, Hills. 21; Rep. Mooney,
 Hills. 21; Rep. Healey, Hills. 21

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of transportation to remove the exit 10 tolls on the F.E. Everett Turnpike in Merrimack.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to the tolls at exit 10 in the town of Merrimack.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Department of Transportation; Removal of Toll Booths. The department of transportation
- 2 shall remove the northbound and southbound toll booths on exit 10 on the F.E. Everett turnpike in
- 3 Merrimack.
- 4 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**SB 117-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	(\$916,897)	(\$938,433)	(\$955,873)
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Turnpike			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill eliminates the northbound and southbound ramp tolls for exit 10 on the F. E. Everett Turnpike in Merrimack. The Department of Transportation has provided the following projections relative to annual transactions, gross toll revenue, toll operations/maintenance costs, and removal costs for the Merrimack exit 10 plaza:

	Projected		
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Transactions¹	1,916,315	1,876,857	1,997,775
Gross Toll Revenue¹	\$916,897	\$938,433	\$955,873
Expenditures – Increase / (Decrease)			
Toll Operations/Maintenance Costs²	(\$618,762)	(\$631,045)	(\$643,666)
Toll Removal Costs	\$800,000	-	-
Total Net Expenditures	\$181,328	(\$631,045)	(\$643,666)

¹ Impact of eliminating toll revenue analysis performed by DOT consultant (Stantec Consulting Services, Inc) on 01/12/21

² Includes personnel costs, utility costs, and other facility operating/maintenance costs, with a 2% annual inflation adjustment.

The above table does not include debt service on the outstanding bonds related to the construction costs of exit 10 improvements, toll collection system maintenance, or E-ZPass back office system expenditures. Also not factored in is potential costs related to staff lay-offs should any of the seven (7) full-time or four (4) part-time employees working at exit 10 not be able to be relocated. Therefore, the total net impact of this bill is indeterminable at this time.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Transportation