

# HOUSE BILL 82

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

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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  
26 used to pay the cost of operating and maintaining the project and the principal of  
27 and interest on certain bonds; repealing a requirement that tolls be set at certain  
28 rates; repealing a requirement that all money received under the compact be deemed  
29 trust funds; repealing the authority of certain bondholders to legally enforce certain  
30 rights; repealing a certain exemption from Maryland taxes; repealing the authority  
31 of certain persons to invest in certain bonds; repealing certain provisions concerning

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 police officers employed by the Authority; repealing a requirement that the Authority  
2 submit a certain report; repealing certain criminal penalties; repealing certain  
3 definitions; repealing requirements that the compact may not take effect until the  
4 Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the United States  
5 Department of Transportation have entered into a certain agreement; repealing  
6 requirements that the compact may not take effect until the Commonwealth of  
7 Virginia and the District of Columbia have passed similar acts and the compact has  
8 been approved by the United States Congress; repealing a requirement that the  
9 Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation  
10 Authority submit a certain report; repealing a requirement that the Maryland  
11 Department of Transportation monitor traffic on the American Legion Bridge and  
12 collect tolls on the American Legion Bridge under certain circumstances; and  
13 generally relating to the repeal of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact.

14 BY repealing

15 Article – Transportation

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

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

21 BY repealing

22 Article – Transportation

23 Section 10–302 and 10–303

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, as amended  
27 by Chapter 599 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996)

28 BY repealing

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

30 Section 2, 3, and 4

31 BY repealing

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

33 Section 2

34 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
35 That Section(s) 10–301 through 10–303 and the subtitle “Subtitle 3. Woodrow Wilson  
36 Bridge and Tunnel Compact” of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of  
37 Maryland be repealed.

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

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

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