

House Bill 352

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th, Riley of the 50th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Geisinger of the 48th, Jones of the 46th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 32-10-65.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 the expiration and extension of tolls by the State Road and Tollway Authority, so as to
3 provide that toll extensions must be approved by the General Assembly; to provide that no
4 tolls shall be charged on projects that are free from interest on public indebtedness; to
5 provide for legislative reports; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 32-10-65.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
10 expiration and extension of tolls by the State Road and Tollway Authority, is revised to read
11 as follows:

12 "32-10-65.1.

13 Every toll established under this article must expire after a specified period of time and
14 may be extended beyond said time only by approval of the State Road and Tollway
15 Authority and the General Assembly through passage of a joint resolution. No toll shall
16 be charged on any project or portion of a project subject to a toll on January 1, 2011, that
17 is not obligated for any interest payments on public indebtedness. The authority shall
18 review all projects that are subject to tolls as of January 1, 2011, and implement a schedule
19 to pay off all interest due on these projects at the earliest possible date. The authority shall
20 deliver a report on the progress in eliminating these interest payments and tolls to the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Lieutenant Governor, and the chairpersons
22 of the House and Senate transportation committees on or before January 1, 2012."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
25 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.