



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 445**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF ISSUES RELATED TO  
ELECTRONIC TOLLS IN CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation  
2 shall develop, within existing budgetary resources, an analysis  
3 concerning the establishment of electronic tolls on Connecticut  
4 highways at the state borders. Such analysis shall consider: (1) Toll  
5 locations and collection methods that maximize revenue and increase  
6 transportation system efficiency; (2) the short-term and long-term  
7 impact of tolls on municipalities in close proximity to such tolls  
8 resulting from traffic diversion to a parallel alternative route, including  
9 traffic congestion, roadway safety, bicycle and pedestrian travel, air  
10 pollution and noise; (3) federal constraints on the purposes for which  
11 toll revenues may be expended that prevent the broad redistribution of  
12 such revenue; (4) privacy issues related to the collection of personal  
13 information in the implementation of electronic tolling and the  
14 protection of data confidentiality; and (5) tax credits for Connecticut  
15 residents and businesses that frequently leave and return to the state.  
16 The Commissioner of Transportation shall submit a request to the  
17 Attorney General for an opinion on legal impediments to the  
18 establishment of tolls presented by the Commerce Clause of the United  
19 States Constitution, or by federal or state law, and shall consult with  
20 the Federal Highway Administration concerning changes in federal

21 law that would impact or prevent the implementation of electronic  
22 tolls. The commissioner shall submit the results of such analysis to the  
23 General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
24 of the general statutes, not later than June 30, 2010. Such analysis shall  
25 include (A) any impediments to the implementation of tolls identified  
26 by the commissioner, (B) the necessary steps and available options to  
27 address and, if possible, overcome such impediments, (C) a plan and  
28 timetable recommended by the department for the removal of such  
29 impediments, and (D) a plan and timetable for the establishment of  
30 such electronic tolls upon the resolution of such impediments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*