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Roads and Highways.

House File 387

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(Anderson, et al).

Passed House, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for the issuing of franchises by the executive council to private corporations for the location, construction, operation and maintenance of toll highways or turnpikes over and across the state of Iowa to be financed exclusively by private investment, including revenue bonds payable from the toll earnings and other income to be derived from the operation of said toll highways or turnpikes, and to provide certain exemption from taxation to franchise holders.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

This is an identical and companion bill to S. F. 299. For printed text see that bill.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 387

The proposed bill is designed to make it possible for private capital to undertake the construction of four-lane, grade-separated toll highways over and across the state of Iowa, without in any manner obligating the state for the cost of such an improvement to care for the heavy increase of modern traffic. This bill would provide tax relief in the form of exemption from all taxes during the period of the operation of such toll roads when the income was committed to the retirement of the bonded indebtedness resulting from the cost of same, leaving only the excess earnings subject to taxation. Such relief appears justified because of the relief provided our public roads because of the heavy and distance traffic that would be handled by such a toll highway. This proposed bill would not in any way prevent the state from creating a toll road authority, if such action was authorized, however it would provide an alternative should there be a delay in such action. It might prove desirable to have this Act in effect to permit action during the next two years between now and the next session of the legislature.

